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This Messenger Salutes Four Bay Area Stakes Upon Opening of a Third Decade of the Papers Total Publication and a Second Decade of It's Revived Publication.

The First Decade Covered 1931-41; Five Years of Cessation (wartime necessity) was 1941-46; The Second Decade of Publication has Extended From April 1946 to the Present, 1956.

The Messenger Is the Only Church Publication That Goes Regularly Into the Homes of All Families of Record in this Area. Thus it Provides the Only Printed Channel Whereby Bishops and Stake Leaders May Possibly Reach Both The Active and Inactive Among Us. For the Inactive the Messenger is the Only Church Publication That Enters Their Homes. Such a Rare Me dium Would Seem to Call for Prayerful Utilization as a Tool for Righteousness.

How Palo Alto Has Grown and Grown, Built and Built, Divided and Divided

by Myra M. Thulin

In 1918 and 1919 about a half dozen families came to this area attracted by the Rummymede Poultry colony in what is now East Palo Alto. These and one old Palo Alto family together with a few Stanford students soon began to hold meetings in homes.

From these cottage meetings, and through a succession of downtown halls, the Palo Alto Saints moved eventually (after 12 years) to their first real chapel building.

The General Authorities had been particularly generous in sharing costs because of the many students who needed a church-home. They gave us $20,000 for our building, while we were required to provide a lot (which cost us $3,000) and $1,000 in labor. Thus our chapel was dedicated May 10, 1931, by President Heber J. Grant.

Since 1921 our Palo Alto saints had been a branch of the California Mission under the leadership of President Joseph H. Rackstraw. He had labored indefatiguably to get the building for us, bargaining and planning so that our money would give us the best possible facilities.

In October 1931, President Arthur V. Thulin succeeded Brother Rackstraw. The next four years were hard years. About 100 families comprised the branch. A small and struggling Sunday School met in Redwood City, and another one in Mt. View.

At Fall Conferance in 1934, the San Francisco Stake was divided and Oakland Stake set up. Our branch became the Palo Alto Ward, sustaining Brother Thulin as bishop.

The ward grew amazingly thereafter and is still spreading its canvas. By 1935, although the two dependent branches were now on their own, the membership had reached 232. Six large wards now exist in the territory over which Brother Thlin president in 1935.

In 1938, Albert Hansen began his term as bishop. During his service, a neighboring lot was purchased and three new rooms were added to the already very crowded chapel.

During World War II

Dallas Tueller was our beloved bishop during the war years (1941-45). At this time Palo Alto Ward helped hundreds of soldiers and sailors and their families to find friendship and spirtual activity. The attendence finally grew so large that Junior Sunday School was held in a near-by private school for girls.

Palo Alto Ward changed bishops and all ward officers in October of 1945. Then Richard Sonne took up his labors as bishop, he being or-

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W. AIRD MACDONALD, 1930

In 1931 when the Messenger was created by W. Aird, he was president of the Oakland Stake and a newspaper man and cartoonist. Since then he has served as president of the California Mission and now is senior high counselor, San Joaquin Stake.

W. AIRD MACDONALD, 1956

Stake President Macdonald launched the Messener 25 years ago, serving as both editor and manager for a long time. From his Stockton home he has sent a letter of felicitations, and the photo shown above, as requested.

Eight Bishops (1927-1956) Have Served Oakland Ward in 29 Years

Meetings were first held in a lodge hall on Washington Street, Oakland until transferred to San Francisco. In 1897 it was decided to hold meetings again in Oakland because several Latter-day Saint families were then in Oakland. Norman B. Phillips was appointed local presiding elder; the organization remained a part of the San Francisco Branch, however.

Shortly after the S. F. earthquake of 1906, the Oakland Branch was reorganized with Norman B. Phillips as president, J. B. J. Hawkley and Cato Dixon, counselors and David S. Williams, clerk. Brother Phillips' counselors changed from time to time, and included W. A. Williams, J. M. Osborne, E. J. Hunt, and W. Aird Macdonald.

Brother Phillips served as president until 1920. He had been presiding elder and branch president for 23 years 1897-1920. At that time the Oakland Branch was reorganized with W. Aird Macdonald as president and Willard D. Ellis and J. Edward Johnson, counselors, and Hugh P. Anderson, clerk. William F. Everett, later succeeded J. Edward Johnson when he returned to Utah after completing his law course Charles C. Carr succeeded Brother Ellis. These brethern constituted the presidency on July 10, 1927, when the San Francisco Stake was organized and the Branch became Oakland Ward.

Richmond Branch

From 1920 to 1926 the Oakland Branch grew from 450 members to about 1,500. The first twig cut off was Richmond. This was followed in 1926 by a general division into five others: Oakland, Dimond, Elmhurst, Berkeley and Martinez.

Charles C. Carr was ordained the first bishop of Oakland Ward on July 10, 1927, and John Shields and W. Loyal Hall were set apart as counselors and Herny White as Ward Clerk. About eight months later, Loyal Hall returned to Utah and was succeeded by Joseph T. Carruth. Henry White was succeeded by Oscar Berquist.

In February, 1930, Bishop Carr was released and was succeeded by Eugene B. Jacobs. Bishop Jacobs chose as counselors John C. Stirrat and Dean Ursenbach, nd as Clerk, James Kay. Several months later, Brother Ursenbach moved out of town and Ralph B. Jordan was set apart as first counselor and A. Jordon Rex was made second counselor.

A few months later Brother Jordan requested his release as first counselor by A. Eldon Rex. Ether M. Davey was set apart second counselor.

John Shields Bishop

On September 10, 1933, Eugene B. Jacobs retired as bishop of the Oakland Ward. He was succeeded by John G. Shields, who selected as his counselors A. Eldon Rex and Ether M. Davey. On May 26, 1935, A. Eldon Rex was released due to

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What Interested Messenger Readers Twenty-Five Years Ago This Month

Local Broadcasts General Con.

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Oakland-Berkeley Messenger Ads In First Issue, '46

The financial under pinnings which shored up the revised Messenger ten years ago, (1946) were the L.D.S. business men who favored the paper with their advertisements.

Twenty of these 1946 business firms still run their ads is the current (1956) Messenger. Scores of others of course have joined hands with them in the columns of the paper.

Should you be curious about the

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The very first thing to notice is the exact name of the Messenger April 1946 and April 1956. Then read, "The Messenger San Francisco Stake of Zion," today it reads "The Messenger of Northern California."

Two pictures are presented on page one of the April 1946 Messenger. One is captioned: "The Stake Sunday School Superintendency."

Can anyone present guess that superintendent and his staff? Golden K. Driggs had Claude H. Adams (decessed husband of Audine Adams) and David P. Haight as counselors, and Regina Moody as secretary.

Golden lives in the Southland, David P. is president of Palo Alto Stake and head of a large Palo Alto hardware establishment.

The second picture bears the caption "Picture First Relief Society", and shows ladies of the Dimond Ward Relief Society and a few men of the ward in 1840 costumes and make-up simulating Emma Smith, president of that first Relief Society; Joseph Smith the Prophet, and other.

Marvis and Sam

Mavis Humphery acted as Pres. Emma Smith and Sam Scott as the Prophet. Ruth Hilton, Mary Scott, Pauiline Fish, Rita Kaleikau, Mildred Morgan, and Martha McKaig are among the characters.

Ralph B. Jordan, himself a press representatives, and Oakland LDS, writes a column headed "Oakland

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East Bay News As It Appeared In The April 1946 Messenger; The Initial Issue of Revived Paper

Ten Years Ago.

To begin this comment on the news that made the news April 1946 in the initial issue of the revived Messenger, let us explain that the 1946 paper served the Oakland Stake only.

However, that stake then covered not only all of the present Berkeley and Oakland Stakes, but extended across Carquinez Straits to take in Vallejo and Napa.

The circulation of the Messenger into the homes in this "Oakland Stake" was 2800. Today we mail over 8700 copies in four Bay Area stakes.

Pres. Eugene Hilton (now an Oakland Stake Patriarch) then led the stake with W. Glenn Harmon and Delbert F. Wright as counselors.

"Oakland Stake Tabernacle"

The entire front pape of the April 1946 Messenger was devoted to the proposed "Oakland Stake Tabernacle" on the newly-acquired 2-acre site on MacArthur and Van Buren (just west of Grand Avenue).

President Hilton contributed a long article describing the proposed structure and challenged liberal support. Two large pictures presented (1) floor plans, and (2) a street map with the Tabernacle site inked in.

We are told that the site is a choice one: that it cost $36,000; that an offer of $5,000 above this has been made for the site; that a ward chapel and a patio and swiming pool were parts of the total planning.

Plans are available for inspection. The cost of the proposed Tabernacle and ward chapel is given as $310,000, of which the Church will provide 60 per cent for the Tabernacle and 50 per cent for the

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FORMER OAKLAND WARD BISHOPS

...Shown as of 1943 are five of seven former bishops of the Oakland Ward, the mother ward of the entire East Bay area of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Back row, left to right: John G. Shields, Angus H. Norberg, and J. Rulon Doxey. Front row: Charles C. Carr, and Eugene B. Jacobs. They served in order: Carr, Jacobs, Shields, Norberg and Doxey. Then followed Vinal G. Mauss, Paul E. Warnick and the present bishop, Frank C. Higham.

Donna Turner Smith, Pianist, Russell Heath, Tenor Presented In Concert

The necessity of the Oakland Fourth Ward to raise funds to complete their magnificent new ward chapel is also the opportunity of the people of the East Bay to hear two of its top musical artists in consert April 13.

Donna Turner Smith, concert pianist of note, and Russell Heath, light opera star, are presented in an evening of classic and popular numbers at the Oakland Fourth Ward chapel Friday April 11, at 8 p.m., by the Sunday School of that ward as a benefit performance for their share of funds for the chapel. All receipts will go toward competing the chapel.

Tickets are available from the ward bishopric or the officers of the Sunday School. Prices are moderate, $1 and $1.50. The chapel is on Virginia Street off Monticello, Oakland.

Donna Turner Smith has been giving piano concerts since age eight, and has appeared in concerts in Chicago, New York and in April of 1955 she received enthusistic reviews in the San Francisco papers for her performance with the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra.

Russell Heath, brillant tenor possesses a golden voice that has thrilled audiences from New York Radio Center to San Francisco's KNBC and Curran Theatre. He was the principal singer in the well loved "Rose Mosque", a light opera presented in San Francisco.

Memory Flashes.

Alameda Ward Ten-Year History Told; Story of Building Chapel Recalled

By Amelia Everett

The ground breaking and the dedication by President Eugene Hilton March 25, 1948 was a memorable occasion in Alameda ward. It was a go signal. The kick-off dinner that same evening was held in Dimond recreation hall.

Actual construction began May 9. Men, women and the younger groups spent every hour that could be spared working with the full time crew. In a few months the building took form. Soon we were washing long windows. Marvelous was the edifice that had arisen under eager hands in eleven and one half months.

Now it was ready for dedication. President McKay, who had planned to dedicate our chapel, found it impossible to come. It was therefore dedicated at the following stake quarterly conference, June 2th, 1949, by Elder Henry D. Moyle of the Twelve.

Gratitude Expressed

On this great occasion Bishop Thys Winkel spoke of the importance of memories. This sacred hour brings many fond memories, not only of important steps in the ward history, but of many persons whose faith, prayers and hard work had brought our dreams into realization. He proceeded to pour forth his thanks to many.

1. To the architect, Theodore G. Ruegg who brought such harmony of shape and color, creating an atmosphere of spirituality.

2. To finance chairman, Francis B. Winkel who had the duty and the ability to raise funds. His spurring had much to do with the early completion of the chapel.

3. To chairman of building committee, Ralph Lane for his untiring efforts in setting pace, never scolding, but working diligently.

4. To supervisor of the building, Rufus O. Phelps who had a way of making all workers feel happy and needed.

5. To James Simpson who put in more hours in both projects than anyone else. And to Robert DeCelle who came next in number of hours.

. To Paul Thompson who gave much time and effort, and then accepted a call to a mission in the spring of 1948. His farewell party was sandwiched in between days of hard work.

7. To the Aaronic Priesthood boys who were loyal and energetic.

The Elders quorum was on the job almost 100%. Wayne McKinley was president. Many new men became active because of this work.

Bishop Winkel thanked the laborers, the mechanics, the superintendent of construction and those who supplied materials and J. J. Powell for expert landscaping.

William F. Everett was on the job Saturdays and many evenings. He had also worked on all the chapels previously built in the East Bay.

He thanked Relief Society presidents, Erma Lane, Lucille Schow and Ruth Beebe. They inspired zest into their organization, provoked their husbands and sons to the service, and cooked and delivered hot meals daily for the 35 to 45 workers at both projects. Many of the women also pulled nails and tended fires at Camp Shoemaker, and they drove nails sanded and bleached mohogany for the rostrum of the chapel.

Bishop Winkel thanked Carl Lane, a non-member, who built the beautiful pulpit; much of it was hand carved, and Frank Campbell, also a non-member,

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Alameda Ward

Dick Stam Called, Netherland Mis'n.

By Amelia Everett

Richard (Dick) Stam has been called to a mission in the Netherlands where he has many relatives. His farewell party will be April 1.

Marina Harrison is enjoying success in her stake missionary work.

Forty Alamedans were among the thousands at the dedicatory services at the Los Angeles Temple. If each brought back a heartfull of the spirit felt there our ward should be somewhat uplifted spiritually.

The Primary raised $103 in the annual penny drive. President Ruth Goodfellow wishes to thank the faithful ones who paid one cent for each year of age to be contributed to the Children's Hospital. Verla Smith was released with thanks and Virginia Dean sustained as second counselor in Primary. Alice Gay is a teacher.

Lorine Conrad and baby, Colett, surprised us with a visit at Sunday school March 18. She came from Eureka because of the illness of her father. He is improving.

Marjory Collins is still ill in the hospital as is Mary Jane Patterson and Evelyn Fontano. Lola Payne is home after an appendectomy.

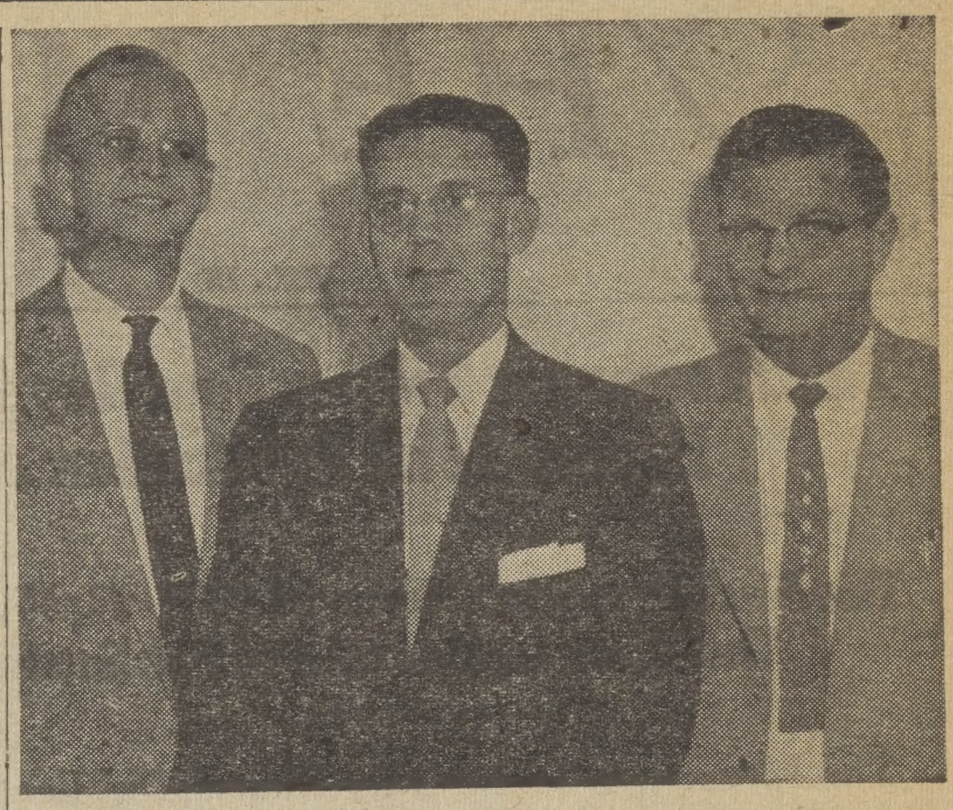
In the March Messenger, in the history of Alameda ward, it should have been reported that Allen Peterson was ward clerk and Paul Jenkel was secretary on building work to Bishop Thys Winkel.

COMING ATTRACTION: The movie "Martin Luther" will be shown in Oakland Ward, April 14, and in Alameda April 20. Tickets are 50 cents, good in either ward, either date. This show is sponsored by the 247th. Quorum of Seventies for benefit of quorum missionaries. They are at present giving partial support to two missionaries.

Babies blessed: Carla Lynn Bodily, Daniel Jed Bodily, Russell David Prothero, Wanda Yvonne Johnson, Gary Richard Reinholds, Christeen Diane Rueckert.

Confirmed members: Valerie Jean McCellan, Walter Autry Soots, Ruth Lesley Mason and William Carl Wilson.

A surprise baby shower was given Jeannine Ferre at her home on March 8 by Vivian Nicolaysen, Ramona Carlsen and Gayleen Vincent. The missionary girls made a good showing.



OAKLAND WARD BISHOP AS AT PRESENT CONSTITUTED
Shown above, left to right: Richard O. Johnson, first counselor, Frank C. Higham, bishop, and Donald W. Wall, second counselor.

San Leandro Ward

Comradery Night Held by Gleaners

By Lorna Beach

As a bishopric we thank all who have given time and finance in helping clear the new building lot and pay off the indebtedness. If you have not already pledged we urge you to do so now.

Our Silver Gleaner Comradery night was held Tuesday, February 28, at the home of Maxine Beach. Coleen Calhoun was the honored Silver Gleaner. Silver and white color theme was carried out in the table decorations and the refreshments. Class President, Karen Hansen presided. Inspirational thoughts were expressed by Nona Borges, Coleen Calhoun, Anna Calhoun, Laurel Ewald and LaMoina Bohanon.

We wish to congratulate the converts of our ward for the covenants they have made with our heavenly Father. Recent converts are rapidly assuming their places in this, the Lord's work.

Sister Viola Schipper was recently called to serve as president of YWMIA and Lorna Beach and Charlene Hathaway were sustained as her counselors.

Sister Naomi Randell was called to the stake to be Primary Board secretary. Adele Harker will be counselor in the ward Primary. Mary Nelson is the new Guide Patrol Leader since Alice Bauer was called to the stake to serve in that capacity.

A surprise party was given Fred Berger, honoring his birthday. An enjoyable evening was spent by the many guests. Members are invited to attend folk dancing the first and third Saturdays of each month in the Recreational Hall.

Herman and Eleanor Davis just returned from Malad, Idaho where they were called because of the recent death of Eleanor's mother, Sadie Jones. Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family.

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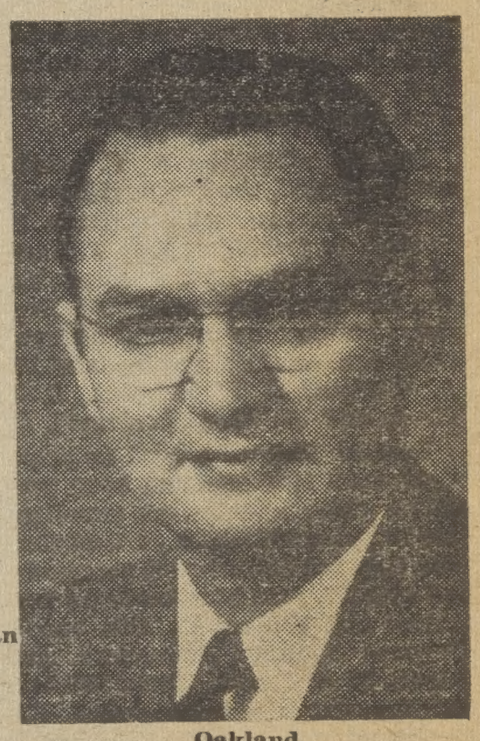

Former Messenger Editors Sent Greetings to Revived Messenger On It's Rebirth Ten Years Ago

In the April 1946 Messenger appeared letters from two former editors of the Messenger, W. Aird Macdonald and W. Glenn Harmon.

W. Aird had founded, edited, managed and circulated the Messenger when it first appeared January 1931 in a small format of 10 inches by 13 inches page size. In 1946 as he looked back over the intervening 15 years (1931-1946) of local church growth he wrote saying he felt that the motives which initiated "The Messenger" had been amply justified. Those motives then were stated as: keeping the saints fully informed of important Church and stake happenings.

"Heartist good wishes to the new "Messenger" he concludes."

The second Messenger editor during the paper's first ten years of issue (1931-1941), W. Glenn Harmon, says in his letter:

"From January 1931 until January 1941 the Messenger was a faithful visitor. . . .fostering the work of the Lord in this area and knitting the people together. . . .

In those days there was only one stake in Northern California with a total population of about 3200. Today there are four stakes and the population of Oakland Stake alone is (as of Feb. 1946) 8900."

W. Glenn concluded with a quotation from the first issue of the Messenger setting forth the reasons for the paper. It was summed up in the heading, "That the people may know."

MILDRED and OSCAR FONTANO

. . . Mildred Morgan Fontano, Oakland Stake Relief Society board member, has served well as Oakland Stake Messenger reporter. Oscar has served in many Church positions, particularly as a powerful humble missionary. Both reside in Alameda Ward.

Livermore Story Shows 7 Year Rise 7 to 220 Members

Livermore church activities began February 27, 1949 when a Sunday School was organized with Bruce McLaughlin, superintendent and Vernon and Lloyd Edgren, counselors. There were just seven families here then. The Relief Society was organized shortly afterwards with Grace Hudson as president and just five members in all. By March of 1950, when we held our first bazaar, we had seven members of the Relief Society.

We were made a branch April, 1951, Bruce McLaughlin was president, Frank Nelson and Albert Cooper his counselors. By this time we were under the Oakland Stake. Before that our connection was with the California Mission. This year brought about the organizinz of a Primary with Faye Kern as president and Barbara Clark and Sylvia Wardell as counselors.

Several other organiations were added in 1954: the Junior Sunday School, with Mary Nelson as head; Y. W. M. I. A. with Mary Nelson as leader; Y. M. M. I. A. with Russel Ball as leader; geneology with Wiliam Edwards as chairman.

Seven years after the little 1949 start we have grown to seventy families and 220 members. In November of 1955 Andrew Gardner became branch president, with Dale Nielson and Clifford Sorensen as counselors.

We are still growing: the Marlton Simons have another boy, Kent Lowell.

Era Subscriptions Make Good Gifts

Improvement Era Directors in Bay Area stakes and wards have been stressing the value considering an Improvement Era subscription as a gift for weddings, students in school, birthdays and anniversaries.

"How would you like to go on a mission to a worthy Lamanite family for a year?" is the way they are introducing still another gift Era plan.

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Because many wards are seeking to complete their returns in order to merit cash refunds, members who are interested in sending Era gifts should contact their ward directors now and see that the gifts are entered prior to April 11.

Any subscriptions entered after April 11 will be counted toward next year's cast award minimum.

In Oakland Stake, Oakland Fifth went over the cash award minimum last month, and this month, Oakland Second, Third and Fourth have gone over.

M. Humphry Hurt Phillip Promoted

By Mildred Morgare

Our apologies to Gary William Powell. We were all mixed up. Published a wrong marriage date. So we hasten to correct it: The engagement of Deborah Ann Olson of Beverly Hills, California, was announced December 16, 1955. The wedding will be solemnized June 16, 1956 in Beverly Hills.

The good news of the appointment of Phillip Humphreys as presiding Elder at Fort Washikee, Washington, where he is employed as a dental technician by the U.S. Government, reached us along with the news of the serious fall of his mother, Mavis Humphrys, whereby she fractured several ribs. She is recovering satisfactorally. . . .

Melva Day of the Relief Society stake board is home after a stay in the hospital. Doing nicely. . . . .

Mrs. Higham Appointed

Sister Frank C. Highman has been appointed on the Stake Relief Society board as visiting-teacher topic leader, replacing Winifred Phelps who is on her way to Australia with her husband Rufas O. Phelps who goes to complete a work mission for this Church. . .

A very successful four-county Daughters of Utah Pioneer Convention was held at Palo Alto March 23. The Alameda, San Francisco, San Mateo and San Jose Counties were in attendance. Kate B. Carter, Esther D. Stephens and others of the central committee participated. . . .

Marjorie Collins of Alameda was ill in the Alameda hospital at last report. She is the wife of George Collins, manager of the Alameda Hospital. . . . .

Oakland Stake Doubled Membership From 1937 to 1945

Heber M. Ellsworth, then business and statistic advisor for the Messenger, presented a reasearch study on population growth in the initial issue April 1946, of The Messenger.

"The number of members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints in Oakland Stake has more than doubled since 1937 (and up to 1945)", we read.

A graph displays the growth visually. The figures accompanying the graph read as follows:

1937, 3953; 1938, 4,363; 1939, 4,772; 1940, 5040; 1941, 5715; 1942, 6125; 1943, 6968; 1944, 7773, and 1945, 8779.

When Oakland Stake was organized in 1934, it showed 3077 members of record. In the one year 1945 the increase had been over 1000.

Edward Olson, 85, Taught Alton Paints And Color Harmony

Edward Olson, 85, Oakland IV came to Zion from his native Sweden and brought the old world craft thoroughness and skills of master painters with him. He still paints around home.

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SAN LEANDRO'S PRESENT BISHOPRIC AND CLERKS
Shown above are San Leandro Ward's currently serving ward bishopric and ward clerks. Left to right, first row: Myron S. Christensen, 1st counselor; Marcel F. Lauper, bishop; and Vao L. Cheney, 2nd counselor. Back row: Charles Leroy Bouer, assistant ward clerk; Louis F. Chofield, asst. ward clerk, and Samuel D. Eccles, ward clerk.

DON J. ALLPHIN

cere devotion to high principles in the jewelry business with a similar dedication to service in his Church. Likewise he's been a consistent Liahonan since that club's organization, having designed the club's gold symbolic pin.

Don was recently released from the stake mission in Oakland IV Ward. He's an accredited watch adjustor for the Southern Pacific Railroad and an experienced diamond expert.

Son, Alton Olson, Richmond, Ward, caught from Edward both his love of Zion and of the painter's craft. He's been busy at each all his life.

Mildred (she's Alton's helper in their well-known paint and wall paper store there on lower Solano) says Alton is especially good in matching colors to go with room draperies, wall paper, fabrics and room tone.

Kind, Gentle Way That Cured Child Of Food Refusal

By Marjorie Remington

Anne's little two year old daughter was not eating as well as she should. It seemed that no matter what they placed before her she turned it down. Some meals she refused to eat even one bite.

Knowing that they would be visiting Grandma Taylor in two weeks, both parents pleaded with Debbie to eat so that Grandma would be proud of her, but the more they begged, the more surely she refused.

On their arrival, Ross explained to his mother that they were sorry, but Debbie was a real problem with her eating and for her not to be disappointed when she turned

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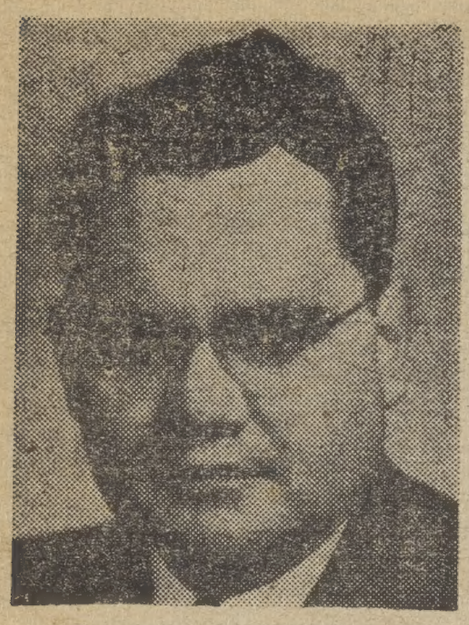

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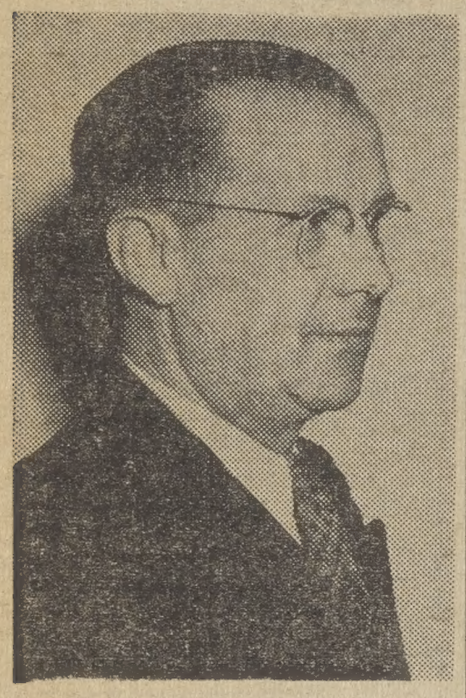

HERB VAN NOY

Two Liahona Club Charter Members

When Will Evans and Sam Scott first bruited the idea of forming some sort of an L.D.S. businessmen's club, Elmo Smith and Herb Van Noy were among the first to fellow Dimond Ward members to catch the vision and join hands in the new cause.

Now Elmo's law practice has to share time for his Church services as counselor to President Wright of the Oakland Stake, while Herb somehow finds time to manage four thriving East Bay hardware emporiums and also serve as the kindly bishop of Oakland III Ward.

While the BYU symphony orchestra is touring Northern California and Nevada, the BYU band, under director Ralph G. Laycock is scheduled for a series of concerts in different stakes in Southern California.

Aaronic Priest. Awards Presented To 18 Leaders

Recognizing outstanding achievement for 1955, the Oakland Fourth ward Aaronic Priesthood committee, aided by the YWMIA, held a recognition dinner at the Fourth ward meeting hall Wednesday, February 22, for 18 young men who received individual Aaronic Priesthood awards, their parents, and advisors.

Three pins were awarded to young men who have received individual awards for four years: Frank Nackos and Wayne Wood, priests, and William A. Dent, a teacher. Truman Nethercott, Stake Aaronic Priesthood committee, made these awards.

Also recognized were young men who won pins last year: Robert C. Martin, Dick Savage, Charles Nackos and Louis Nackos.

Bishop Curtis R. Bybee presented individual awards with 100 per cent seals to: Louis J. Nackos, Frank Nackos, Leland H. Wright, Jr., Marc Lauper, and George Nackos.

He presented individual awards to: Robert C. Martin, Charles J. Nackos, Robert O. Davis, Dick Savage, Anthon Olsen, Wayne Wood, William A. Dent, Richard Wood, Gary Wood, Robert Castle, Stephen Martin, Michael Dunn and Jim Lamph.

James C. Naskos, second counselor to Bishop Bybee, served as Master of Ceremonies for a program which included: a talk by Leland H. Wright, counselor to Bishop Bybee; magic by Leland H. Wright, Jr., pantomiming by Stephen, "Si Bon" Martin; and stories by father and advisors. A Washington theme was carried out in the decorations by the YWMIA and Beehive girls and MIA served.

MEMBERS FIND THAT MADE FLOWERS HELP IN HOMES,CHAPELS

When a member in one of East Bay Stakes was recently injured permanently he took up flower making as a plesant hobby.

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Oakland Mission 10-Year Baptism Records, Reported

By Mildred Fontano

Much has changed in the growth of the Church and Missionary work in Northern California since 1946. Pittsburg, Vallejo, Napa, Richmond,Berkeley and several branches were part of the original Oakland Stake. Now they comprise parts of Berkeley and Santa Rosa Stakes.

The increase of baptisms in the Oakland Stake Mission since the above mentioned wards were seperated from us in very impressive: 1946, 28 baptisms; 1947, 1 baptism; 1948, no record of any baptisms; 1949, 17 baptisms; 1950, 12 baptisms; from 1951 to 1956 the baptisms and the number of missionaries shows marked growth; 1951 18 baptisms and 34 missionaries; 1952, 42 baptisms and 55 to 63 missionaries; 1953, 110 baptisms 69 to 89 missionaries; 1954, 156 baptisms and 85 missionaries; 1955, 122 baptisms and 88 missionaries; 1956, 22 baptisims for January and February and 98 missionaries including 12 in the latest training class plus five in the presidency and in supervisory capacity. Amy Bruerton is the efficient secretary who furnished to above information.

Past history shows Roy Weindorf was sustained in 1945 as missionary president upon the release of Oscar Fontano who had been mission President for four years.

Los Angeles Temple Dedication Described

By Mildred Fontano

The dedication of the majestic Los Angeles Temple, March 11th to 14th, attracted hundreds from far and near. Hawaiians, Canadians and thousands of Californians, Utahns and many others were there.

Our Alameda Ward sent a representative group of forty members. All wards in the Los Angeles Temple district were equally represented.

The session which Oscar and we attended was indeed inspirational and humbling. One feels so unworthy when contemplating the magnitude of God's work and his plan.

President Wright of Los Angeles stake gave a report of local Temple financing. The dedicatory prayer by President David O. McKay, the sermons by Presidents J. Reuben Clark and Stephen L. Richards, the singing by the soloist, Sister Harbrecht and the choir, the huge congregation all were impressive beyond words. The Hozannah shout was thrilling to the soul.

Other sessions had a change of speakers and music but were equally impressive. We thank God for his Gospel plan which includes Temples and the sacred work carried on within.

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A FORMER BIHOPRIC OF ALAMEDA WARD

....Francis Winkel served Alameda Ward as bishop just as his older brother, Thys Winkel had done before him, and while they were building their lovely new chapel.

Shown above is Bishop Winkle, when Alameda's bishop, center flanked left and right by his counselors at that time, Charles Stamps, now in the Oakdale Ward bishopric, and Arnold B. Bargerter, now the bishop of Alameda Ward.

Capable Clerk Owns Broadway Tailor Shop

"Personalized tailoring and serving as a ward's busy financial clerk may not often go together in one person, but the unexpected has happened again.

If you happen to pass a custom tailor store on Broadway at 11th Street, Oakland, just look for the name. If its "McDonald's" you may be sure the proprietor is Oakland II Ward's financial clerk, J. G. McDonald.

When we (that's editorial we) lived in Salt Lake City everyone there knew the name, "J. G. McDonald's Candies". When we came to Berkeley, our first bishop, Phares Dunyon, was the local representative of that company.

How surprised were we recently to learn that the Broadway Store "McDonald's Custom Tailors," was opened there in 1947, and still is owned and managed, by the son and name-sake of the familiar candy maker of my boyhood days. Son Gailard is associated with his father in the business. Expert tailors are also employed.

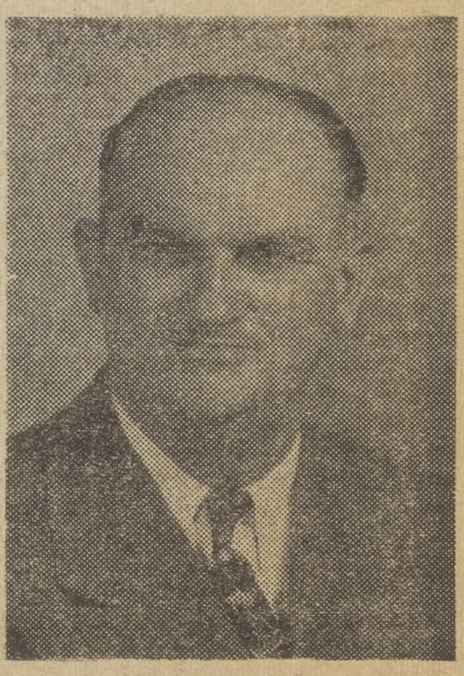
We learn the store is now being remodled and enlarged to twice the former frontage and nicer display windows for fine imported woolens.

So here's greeting to the scion who is carrying on the J. G. McDonald family tradition of high class business service and first class devotion to truth.

Symphony Orchestra Gives World Premiere of Former Localite, Crawford Gates

Crawford Gates of the B. Y. U. music department, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Serge J. Lauper of San Francisco and former resident of Palo Alto was honored by the Utah Symphony Orchestra March 20.

On that season's closing program the world premiere of the youthful and exuberant "Overture to Spring" was rendeded.



THYS WINKEL

Thys Winkle the Alameda Ward chapel builder, and the bishop who gave that ward one of Oakland Stake's most dignified places of worship and church activity...Also Thys, the servicemen's devoted friend and counselor, serving as stake servicemen's coordinator for many years and up to this time.

Don Wood, Lester Swazey Honored by Beneficial Among Co's. Top Thirty

Don C. Wood, C.L.U., and Lester J. Swayze, well known local life underwriters in Berkeley stake have been listed among the top thirty producers of the Beneficial Life Insurance Company for 1955, announces Clyde J. Summerhays, C. L. U., vice president and director of agencies.

This honor is not new to Mr. Wood as he has appeared several times before among the top leaders out of the 300 agents. M, Swayze has been among the top thirty now for the third time in three years.

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Training Institute For Camp Execs. Coming in April

By Rhea Gustaveson

Fred E. Moscon. who for the past several years has expertly assisted the Young Women's General Board with the annual Camp Leaders Training session at the June Conference in Salt Lake City, will be in Oakland and Sacramento for the District Institutes in mid April.

District A convention for Palo Alto, San Francisco, Oakland and Berkeley Stakes will open at San Leandro, Saturday April 14. Mr. Moscon is a member of the American Camping Association; Scout Commissioner at large for Salt Lake Council and has been in charge of many Camp Training Institutes. He will prove of much value to this area.

Mr. Moscon will not only speak to Young Women's Stake leaders of our District on the evening of April 14th, but also will demonstrate camp crafts for the ward and stake leaders on that Saturday, the 14th, but will be available to any group during the week of the Institute.

Oakland Stake will be guest and it will be held at San Leandro Ward.

All Y. W. ward and stake leaders are urged to attend Priesthood leaders in charge of the Young Women's Mutual Improvement Association are especially invited.

It has been suggested that bishops appoint special leaders, qualified to go to camp as conselors) to take the training along with regular officers and teachers who will want to acquant themselves with the program.

Spot News

From the church news of March 10, 1956. (Did you miss these key items?)

Data regarding the Los Angeles Temple occupied many pictured pages of this issue of the church News.

The temple is located atop a hill at 10741 Santa Monica Boulevard, Los Angeles. The 13-acre site and the temple cost; approximately $6,000,000.

The address of te temple president, Benjamin Bowring, is 1699 Manning Ave., Los Angeles 24. The Temple opens for baptisms March 24, and for ordinance work April 16.

Four sessions daily are planned with chapel services beginning each morning at 8:30. The maximum capacity for the four sessions is 1200.

The Temple will be closed May 30, July 4, October 5-6 (Conference), Nov. 22-23, and will close for the year December 22, reopening again January 2, 1957.

The Southland stakes were asked to raise $1,000,000. By dedication time $1,648,000 had been contributed, and it is estimated the final total will reach $1,700,000. . . . .

On Friday evening Stake leaders will meet for a cook-out, help in program planning, budgeting, organization and a camp fire program and will plan to stay overnight. On Saturday beginning at 8 a.m., an all-day session will be held with demonstrations, talks, shop session and discussion periods, by outstanding specialists.

Stakes included in District A are Palo Alto, San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley, Santa Rosa and San Jose.

San Francisco Stake

Primaries Forward $1000 to Primary Children's Hosp.

by Vivian Baily Neff

The Primaries of the San Francisco Stake forwarded $1000 to the Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City recently.

Stake Primary President Gerta Greens expresses her gratitude to everyone who participated in the penny-per-year-of-age drive.

Sister Verda Henry, Mission Ward, was sustained in January secretary, historian and Children's Friend representative on the Primary Stake Board. In February Ethel Salin, chorister and Virginia Kite, nursery and beginners leader were released from the board.

Sister Salin has been as first

Sister Salin has been sustained as first counselor and Sister Kite as second counselor to President Greene. Lillian Allen, Balboa Ward was sustained as choister.

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ALAMEDA WARD'S TEN YEAR HISTORY TOLD

who so expertly sewed and laid 405 yards of carpet. He asked the Lord's blessings on these worthy fellowmen.

Bishop Winkel told of times when he was weary and depressed, but he went home and changed clothes and visited the unfortunate members to tell them of the great consolations of our religion and tell of the struggles of the members in this building project. He said that this was the best medicine for his heavy heart.

(To be Continued.)

Era Drive

Please note: The 1956 Era Drive ends April 11. Our objective: "Get this missionary into every home by that date." At least let us try, and try and try.

Remember the Lord's promise. If we will aid him in his work he will aid us in ours.

Would anyone desire a more helpful Helper. Call Helen Barthley EV 6-4667 or Nixon A. Young BA 1-9867.

East Bay News

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chapel.

Glenn Harmon Comments

"The Messenger Comes Again" is the title of an article by W. Glenn Harmon a former editor of the paper in that April 1946 issue.

"After five years of silence the Messenger of Oakland Stake speaks again. . . .The work the Messenger did, the niche it filled, was too important to be entirely forgotten", begins the comment.

"Thanks to. . . .those who never gave up hope, and special thanks to the Liahona Club and the other advertisers who make its revival possible," Elder Harmon, then first counselors to Pres. Hilton, concluded.

Largest Stake Conference

"With the main auditorium over crowded, the recreation hall filled, the largest quarterly conference of the Oakland Stake assembled Sunday, April 1st," begins an extended conference report in the April 1946 Messenger.

Elder Joseph F. Merrill of the Quorum of the Twelve and Sterling Nelson of the General Welfare Committee (both deceased now) were said to have delivered inspired addresses.

The Singing Mothers sang "The Lord's Prayer", a composition by Mrs. Ada (Victor) Linbald of Berkeley Ward.

W. Aird Macdonald

W. Aird Macdonald, the 1931 founder of the Messenger and its first editor, and also then stake president of the far flung "San Francisco Stake," sent a word of greeting to the revived Messenger's first issue from his 1946 home in Stockton, California.

Says W. Aird, "The amazing growth of the Church in the Bay Area has amply justified the motives which initiated The Messenger. . . .The continued growth of the Oakland Stake now emphasizes the need. . . .(for) the revival of the Messenger.

The Liahona Club

"The Liahona Club, the Latterday Saints Business Men's Organization" is the heading of a picture

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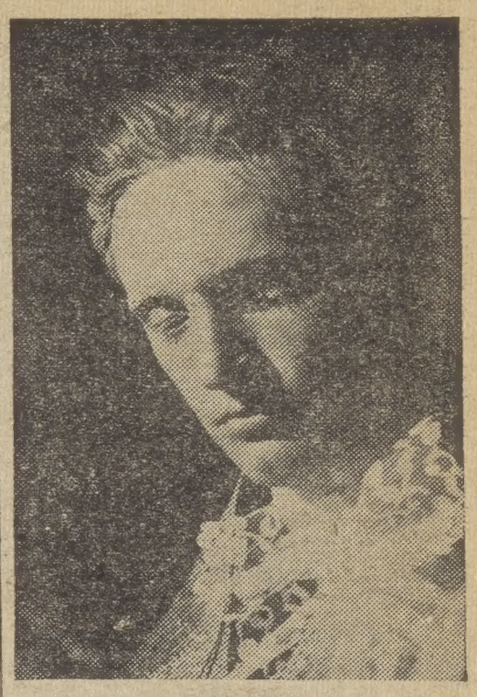

HORACE (HODDY) GUITTARD
receiving from his mother a taste for the theatre, writing & producing plays from age ten. Hoddy at 16 has successfully produced four Gilbert & Sullivan operettas. He appears above as Lord Chancellor of Iolanthe.

Brilliant Future In Theatre Seen For S. F. Member

A young man for whom a brilliant future in the theatre is predicted is Horace (Hoddy) Guittard of San Francisco Ward.

By the age of ten years Hoddy was writing plays and producing them in his basement, with casts made up of his young friends of The Masque Club, a sizable group of young people sharing his interest in the theatre.

Then he tried his hand at a Gilbert - Sullivan operetta, designing the costumes, building the sets and training the actors and singers, as well as taking a leading role himself.

Now at the age of 16 (he will be 17 in July) he has behind him four successful productions of Gilbert - Sullivan operettas: The Mikado, Trial by Jury, Eutopia, which he gave for the first time in San Francisco, and Iolanthe which was presented in the A. P. Giannini Junior High School Auditorium in March of this year.

While Hoddy has a splendid baritone voice and has had experience in every phase of the theatre, his first love is producing and staging at which he has been very successful.

His Masque Club now includes not only his age contemporaries, but adults as well. Drama editors of the local papers have spoken highly of his talents and accomplishments.

Hoddy, now a student at Lick High School, S. F., inherits his taste for the theatre from his mother, Susie Jane Guittard, who has consistently taken an active part in the Childrens Theatre movement in San Francisco.

DALE ROE

Dale Roe, Oakland II, Red Cross Safety Executive and Associate Editor of The Messenger of Northern California, was elected 1956 president of the Liahona Club at the club's monthly dinner, February 27, at the Robin Hood, Oakland.

Sidney Feller and J. Wendell C. Martin, were elected vice-presidents, Gloyd Picket, secretary, and J. Wendell Dunn, teeasurer.

A fourth district of the club was set up for the Walnut Creek to Pittsburg area wih San Scott as chairman. The chairmen elected for the other three districts were Elmo Smith, Woody Bates, and Dennis Lauper. Art Bliss was elected Chairman of all sections.

New members who received club pins were Jack Evans, Berkeley and Floyd Pickett.

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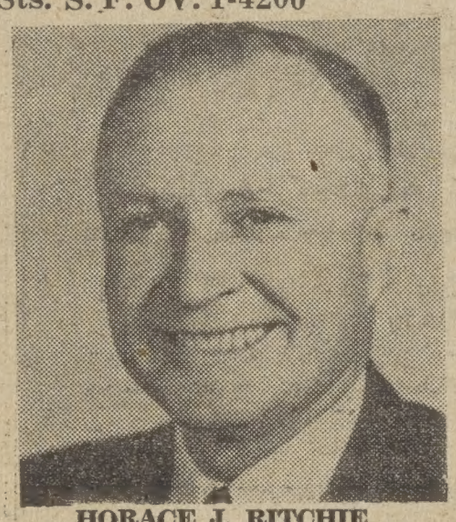

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How One San Francisco Girl Fullfilled Requirements for Golden Gleaner Pin

By Vivian Neff

In the hope that a review of Miss Sheila F. Peterson's accomplishments will help encourage other Gleaners of San Francisco Stake to complete their requirements for the Golden Gleaner Pin and Certificate, a review of Miss Peterson's work before she could win this honor is offered Messenger readers.

In the three years in which she had to complete her work, Miss Peterson completed the goals set in four catagories, spirtual executive, cultural and creative.

In the spiritual field she read and typed a report on Dr. Widstoe's "Evidences and Reconciliations" and "Gospel Interetations." She also gave a year of service to an elderly member of the Church and to a neighbor, both of whom were ill.

In the Executive classification, Sheila served as chairman of Mission Ward Fireside, as assistant director and then as Era director.

In the Cultural arts groups, she gave talks in church meetings, served in the ward choir since its origin in 1948, gave solo performances, and served as choir director, 1953-1955, was ward organist 1952-1955, Sunday school organist, participated in an original dance presentation at San Francisco Stake's Gold and Green ball, April 17, 1953, and played one of the major roles in an original musical later in 1953.

In the creative field, Sheila wrote for use in the Gleanor class, a musical composition, continued work on a Treasury of Truth book begun when she baceme a Junior Gleaners, planned and prepared and served meals in her home.

Two talks in church were entitled, "Do We Need an Over-all Goal to Tie Life Together?" and "My Impressions of April Conference, 1953."

The story she wrote was called, "Wedding Day" and her musical composition, "In the Style of Debussy."

Expressing thanks for help in meeting the requirements, Sister Peterson said, "Without my parents' help and encouragement, especially that of my mother, along with my teachers, especially Sister Allred, and my heavenly Father's guidance, I know I couldn't have completed these requirements.

"I hope and pray that I may continue to be of service to my family, friends, and above all, to our Church and to our heavenly Father."

Sheila received the Golden Pin and Certificate in September 1955, prior to her leaving for graduate study in music at the Brigham Young University. She has now completed that study and returned to Mission Ward and to her position as ward choir director.

Looking back over her life as a young Latter-day Saint girl she comments:

"I have been active all my life in Mission Ward and thru this activity and the many inspirational teachers and leaders that have guided me I have obtained on education such as comes only to those of our faith.

"But what is more important I have gained a testimony of this great and glorious Gospel."

SHEILA F. PETERSON

. . . Sheila was awarded the honor of the Golden Gleanor Pin and Certificate, September 1955. She is now choister in Mission Ward, San Francisco.

SPOT NEWS FROM MARCH 3

Bay Area girls at BYU who were featured with others in the March contests to decide most talented girl at BYU are Jean Bramwell, Oakland IV, Carol Wright, Oakland III, and Betsy Van Wagner of Palo Alto. . . .

The stake missionaries of Tacoma Stake boast a happy record of more than 4 converts per missionary or a total of 325 convert baptisms, since the stake was organized September 1952. . . . .

Baptisms have more than doubled in the last year in the Spanish-American Mission. . . . .

Two ward teachers in the San Louis Stake, Colorado, travel 150-200 miles by auto each month to visit the nine families in their district.

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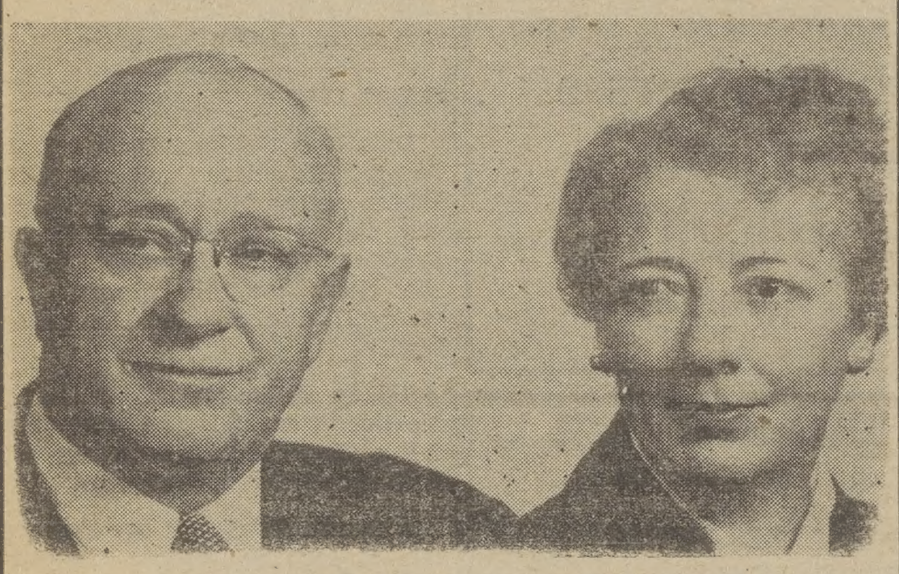

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S.F. Ward History Told From Early Days Until Now

The first Latter-day Saints who entered California arrived in San Francisco on July 31, 1846. The company of about 240 Saints, with Samuel Brannan as leader. had chaartered a sailing vessel early in 1846 and sailed around the Cape Horne and via the Hawwaiian Islands instead of crossing the continent with the other Saints.

Many eventually migrated to Salt Lake City; others moved away so that only a few remained in San Francisco.

The first San Francisco Branch was organized on December 2, 1847, with Addison Pratt as president; it did not flourish. Other missionaries later came to San Francisco and again the branch was organized, which progressed until the earthquake and fire in 1906, which destroyed the meeting hall.

Many of the Saints were left homeless. Quite a number left for Utah while others took refuge in Oakland. However, the Sunday School was soon in operation again but with a much smaller number enrolled.

In 1916 the San Francisco Branch acquired an old chapel at 1649 Hayes St. In 1925 an amusement hall was erected in the rear of the building, which served also as the missionary home.

Stake and Ward Organized

By 1927 other branches of the Church had been formed in the Bay area. On July 10, 1927, San Francisco Stake was organized. At that time the San Francisco Ward was organized by Elder Rudger Clawson of the Council of the Twelve.

Brother J. C. Newman was made the first bishop with George L. Scott and Martin L. Hill as counselors and R. E. Cardwell as clerk.

Four months later, on October 27, 1927, Claude W. Nalder was appointed bishop, with George L. Scott and Martin L. Hill as counselors, R. E. Cardwell as clerk. Later Bishop Nalder's counselors were Dr. Glenn P. Vincent as first counselor, W. Needham Lambert as second counselor and S. Vern Hobsen as clerk.

It was not long after the organization of the ward that there became a need for a more suitable building. Eight years later in 1935 the reconstruction of the amusement hall and chapel began. The building was virtually rebuilt with Harold W. Burton as architect and Martin L. Hill as builder. It was completed on June 30, 1936.

The cost of the building was $39,668. On December 20, 1936, the chapel was dedicated with Bishop Nalder conducting the services and David O. McKay giving the dedicatory sermon and prayer.

Messenger Slogan

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SAN FRANCISCO STAKE CALENDER

April, 1956 Stake Meetings:

5	Thu.	7:00 p.m.	Stake Mel. and Senior Aaronic Priesthood Comm's.
		8:00 p.m.	Stake Pres. and High Council.
15	Sun.	2:30 p.m.	Stake and Ward Welfare Committees.
16	Mon.	10:00 a.m.	Stake Primary Preparation Mtg.
		7:00 p.m.	Stake Pres and Stake Aaronic Priesthood Comm's.
		7:45 p.m.	Monthly Stake Priesthood Meeting.
19	Thu.	7:00 p.m.	Stake Melchizedek Pr. Committee.
		7:45 p.m.	Heads of Auxiliary Organizations, Stake Presidency and High Council.
22	Sun.		High Council Visits to all wards.
23	Mon.	7:30 p.m.	Monthly M.I.A. Leadership meeting.

April, 1956 Social Events:

21 Sat. High Priests Quorum Party

27-28-29, Fri.-Sat. and Sun. Jr. M-Men and Jr. Gleanor Week.

Messenger Ads In First Messenger

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twenty Messenger advertisers who started with the initial number of the revived paper, April 1946, and are still advertising with us, read on. See how many you know.

Listed alphabetically, they are Dan J. Allphin jeweler of East Oakland; Barrett Pest Control of Berkeley; the Beneficial Life Insurance Co.; A. K. Bramwell, D. C., of East Oakland; Bybee Realty (now Bybbe-Bliss) of East Oakland, Those are the first five.

Next five includes Elmer Harker, builder of El Cerrito; the Hillcrest Motel (in 1946, Moody's Trailer Park); A. L. Hopkins, the El Cerrito plumber; Harold R. Jenser, insurance broker of San Francisco; and Maltby-VanNoy Hardware of Oakland, San Leandro and Berkeley.

The third group of five 1946 advertisers who still are seen in the Messenger column include Vinal G. Mauss, realtor (in 1946 with Colonial mortuary); D. Ross McClellan, the building contractor of Hayward; McNary-Berg Funeral Home (the Berg Funeral Home in 1946); Mrs. C. W. Nalder, L.D.S. Funeral Advisor (in 1946, C. W. Nalder); and Edward A. Ogden D. C. of Oakland.

Completeing the 20 names of the 20 Messenger advertisers of 1946 who have continued advertisers to date we notice: the Olympic Florist of East Oakland; Clyde A. Russell, of East Oakland; Lon Sorensen of Berkeley; Stout Brothers tire and aligning service, Berkeley; and L. D. S. Books (then sold only thru ward chapel tables, now by several dealers.)

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Spot News

From The Church News, March 3, 1956 (Did you miss these key items?)

On Sunday, March 11, 1956, no General Authority was in attendance of any of the 19 stake conferences held on that day. The reason was that the leaders were attending the dedicatory services in the Los Angeles Temple. . . .

The 226th stake of the Church, Stake, was created when Pasadena Stake was divided Sunday, February 26, being also the 18th stake in Southern California. The new stake has 5,200 members leaving Pasadena Stake 4200. . . . .

In the Northern California Mission 98 missionaries performed 617 baphisms in 1955 or 6.29 per missionary. The new Arcata Branch chapel was dedicated recently by Elder Clifford Young, Asst. to the Twelve. . . . .

A new district recently was added to the Northern California Mission and withdrawn from Santa Rosa Stake. Ukiah was selected as district headquarters. George Mosier (formerly bishop's couselor in Martinez) was named Fort Bragg Branch president, and Leith Pearson (formerly of Oakland II) was named a district councilman. . . .

Dr. Alexander Schreiner, Tabernacle organist, played an organ recital March 7, 1956 in the Santa Rosa Stakehouse, Napa, California, dedicating the new organ. . . .

A girl, Gay Hagberg, of Gridley Stake, Northern California, maintained a perfect record of attendance at Primary during her eight years of Primary work. . . . .

Among the list printed (in this March 3, 1956 Church News) giving the past 33 All-Church M-Men winning teams, Oakland Ward is listed winner for 1939. . . . .

Northern California Stake show up well among the top January 1956 records of Senior Aaronic Priesthood attendance at Priesthood and Sacrament meeting. They are Gridley, Santa Rosa, North Sacramento, and San Jose. . . . .

North Sacramento Stake was among the top 25 stakes in families visited by ward teachers, while Gridley so rated high for sacrament meeting attendance. . . . .

A strong Church News editorial supports the forces that are striving to pass a federal law forbidding advertising liquor.

Palo Alto Stake

Ten-Year History of Stake Retold: 1 New Stake, 5 New Wards Formed 5 New Ward Chapels Erected

by Stanley Gibb

Observing its tenth anniversary this year with the Messenger, the Palo Alto Stake recounts a few of the highlights in its brief history.

Acting for the First Presidency of the Church, Elder Mark E. Peterson, assisted by Elder Clifford E. Young, at the San Francisco Stake quarterly conference, June 23, 1946, divided the San Francisco Stake and created the new Palo Alto Stake. The new stake included Burlingame, San Mateo (organized just 2 weeks before), Redwood City, Palo Alto and San Jose wards.

Claude B. Peterson of San Mateo Ward, then president of San Francisco Stake, was called as president of the new stake, with counselors, George C. Schiess (Burlingame Ward) and Henry C. Jorgensen (Redwood City Ward), and James P. Johnson (Redwood City Ward), the stake clerk.

With the release of George Schiess, Henry Jorgenson became the first counselor, and Wendell B. Christenson was called to be second counsellor. Alvin L. Gentry replaced James Johnson as ward clerk. This presidency continued to head the stake until Claude B. Peterson was called to a special assignment in Salt Lake City.

Henry C. Jorgensen

Succeeding him, Henry C. Jorgensen became the new president, with Wendell B. Christenson and Sidney V. Badger his counsellors. A short time later Brother Jorgensen was called to manage the Church Welfare work in Florida, and the stake leadership fell upon Wendell B. Christenson, president, with Sidney V. Badger and Richard B. Sonne counsellors; Alvin Gentry remained stake clerk. This new presidency took office at the spring quarterly stake conference, March, 1950.

By this time the stake had grown to also include Maglee Park and Willow Glen Wards.

At the stake quarterly conference in March, 1951 the stake presidency was reorganized, bringing David B. Haight from high council to the presiding office over the stake, with Sidney V. Badger and Richard B. Sonne remaining counsellors; Alvin L. Gentry remained as stake clerk.

San Jose Stake Created

In the next year and a half the stake population increased to the point that the brethern created the San Jose Stake at the November 30, 1952 quarterly conference. held in the San Jose Civic Auditorium, with Elders Henry D. Moyle and Delbert L. Stapeld of the Council of the Twelve presiding. This took the three San Jose wards form Palo Alto Stake, and added Los Altos Ward from the Northern California Mission.

Thus in ten short years since its separation from the San Francisco Stake, Palo Alto Stake has once been divided; and (in the last four years) five new wards and one independent branch have come into being, San Bruno, San Mateo II, San Carlos, Menlo Park and Sunnyvale Wards, and Sharp Park (Coastside) Branch. Five new ward chapels have been built and dedicated: Burlingame-San Bruno; San Mateo-San Mateo II; Redwood City-San Carlos; Palo Alto-Menlo Park; and Los Altos-Sunnyvale. At this writing the Menlo Park has purchased property, and will shortly begin construction activities for a new chapel.

Present High Council

Present High Council: William A. Osmond, Stanley S. Gibb, Ralph H. Martin, Maurice P. Monson, Jesse R. Farr, Lund P. Johnson, John A. White, Fred J. Croshaw, J. Dean Sonne, Melvin P. Pickering, Paul A. Peterson, and William L. Stoker, with John Hopkins alternate. The stake clerk now is Nephi Conrad.

During this period of development, great things have been accomplished by the various priesthood quorums and auxiliaries. Eleven active and aggressive Elder's quorums are functioning in the stake, as well as strong leadership in the Seventy and High Priest quorums. Music in the wards and stake has also come to be an important feature of all the services, with ward choirs having been organized in each ward. Under the direction of La Veda Gibb. Stake Music Director, two Stake Music Festivals have been presented, and choirs in their respective wards have presented excellent music for their chapel dedications and for regular services.

In a recent interview with President Haight, he envisioned Palo Alto Stake as destined to grow into one of the great stakes of the church. "With the high level of activity and spirituality demonstrated" he declared "and members serious in developing their own testimonies, and then spreading the gospel to others, we cannot fail," He continued: "In the field of religion, we see an expansion of seminaries until we have one in each ward. We also wish to provide an Institute of Religion at Stanford. Already the president of the University has expressed hope that we will soon have one there."

Speaking of our stake recreation program, he said. "We expect to be able to build a stake center with recreation facilities on a scale that will take care of all the needs of all our people, particularly our young people."

Future Division

On the question of division of the Stake the president thinks it will come some day, but for the next 2 or 3 years would prefer no change so that the organizations may become strong.

The stake is physically compact, with not more that 25 miles to travel from one end to the other. "We could have two small stakes in this area" said President Haight, "or one good, big one with healthy, well-officered organizations. This is preferred, rather than wrestling with the problems of a new, weak group. A good stake can number as many as 9000.

We are encouraged with the excellence of our ward bishoprics and stake auxiliary organizations. Our outlook for the future is one of progress and development."
month.

Pres. Minnie Alice Hicken of the Stake Primary reported the association stake conference of March 22, 1931.

"Mystery Mansions" was presented March 14, we read, in the S. F. Community Play House, with a stake-wide cast. Dee Gilines and Berniece Anderson are praised for able acting.

Oakland Ward Happy

Oakland Ward then rejoiced over two things mentioned in the Messenger of April 1931. One was the return to health of Patriarch Norman B. Phillips, and the other was the prospect of a real chior soonunder leadership of Robert Sant (he later led the Morman Male Chorus for many years.)

The Dimond Ward Easter program announced addresses by Richard W. Young and Archer Willey, music by the choir, a trio of Effie Gibbs, Trieste Hall, and Rose Wieland, and a quartet of Clyde Summerhayes, H. A. Wieland, B. J. Summerhayes, and H. A. Scott.

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What Interested Our Readers 25-Years Ago

Chapel Is Renovated." Most readers may not realize that it was then that the patio, surrounded by the stucco wall, and having lawns and lights was built in the Oakland Chapel.

Archer Wiley (deseased) was announcee as the newly appointed local General Agent of the Beneficial Life Insurance Co.

D. L. P. Monson (ear, nose and throat specialist still in S.F.) had just opened offices in Oakland, coming direct from two years in Vienma.

Editor W. Aird Macdonald appropriately selected "The Resurrection" for a title of his editorial of the month since Easter came April 5 in 1931.

The April Sunday brodcasts by I. B. Ball over KTAB (now KSFO) are listed.

Howard McDonald

Howard McDonald (then S. F. high school principal; later BYU president and now president of the large L. A. Junior College) announces a Feather River Camp for boys, June 21-August 1. He personally directed the camp.

The Oakland Relief Society's annual exhibit flower festival came April 24. After the flower display judging, Pres. Esther Davis Stephens was scheduled to present the highlights of the General Relief Society Conference of that

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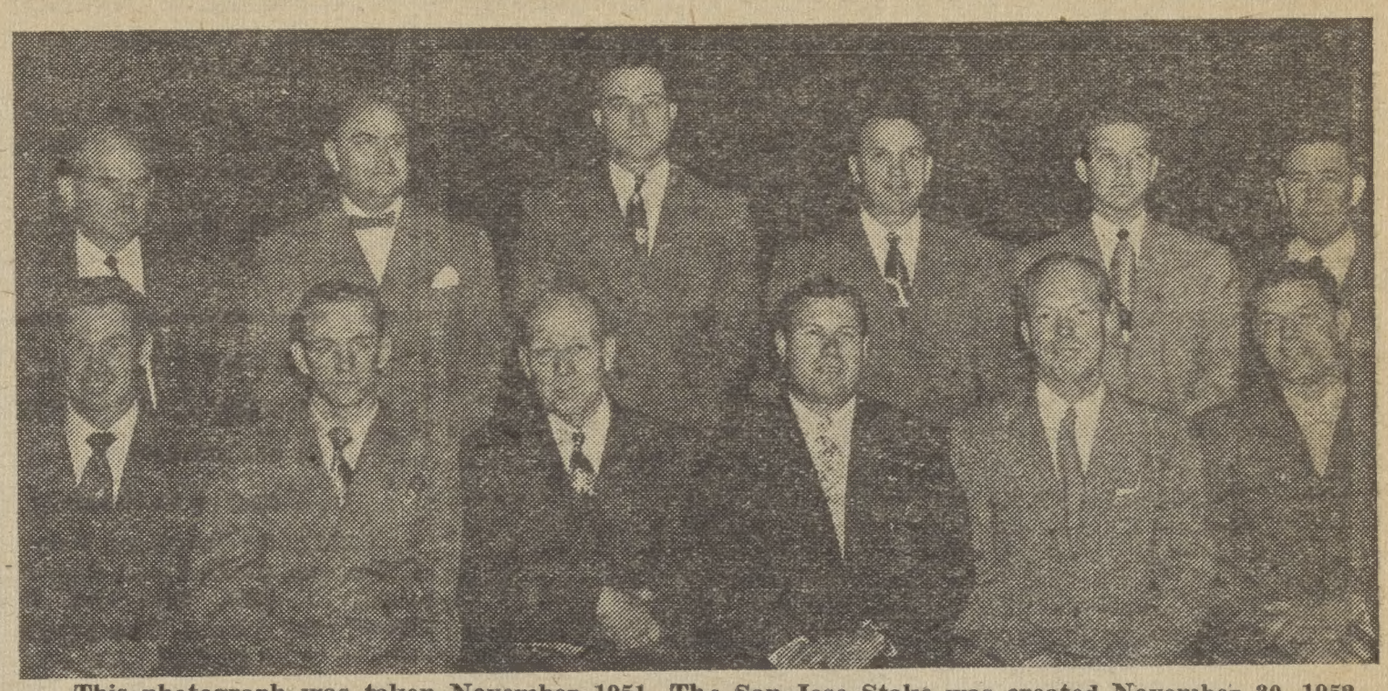
PALO ALTO STAKE HIGH COUNCIL WHEN THE STAKE INCLUDED THE SAN JOSE AREA



. . . This photograph was taken November 1951. The San Jose Stake was created November 30, 1952. Shown left to right, back row are Ralph H. Martin, David B. Haight, Eugene Ludwigg, Roy Allen, Keith E. Garner, Vernon K. Beckstrand.

Front row: William A. Osmond, Elden Ashcraft, J. Winter Smith, Le Roi Cheney, Stanley S. Gibb, Gary Wilmarth. **—Photo by Cheney Photo Service**

Redwood City, San Carlos Ward's Histories Outlined

Between 1929 and 1956 lie twenty-seven years of the history of the growth of Redwood City Ward and the beginning of San Carlos Ward in Palo Alto Stake of Zion. Here are the pertinent facts and dates:

1929. The first LDS Sunday School was organized in Redwood City, a mere twig on the Palo Alto Branch of the San Francisco Stake, then two years old. This Sunday School dwindled because the members moved away, and stopped.

1935. The Redwood City Sunday School was reorganized. It began to grow.

1938. The Redwood City Branch was organized December 4, 1938. W. Yates Farnsworth became the first branch president with George Stevens became clerk.

1944. James P. Johnson became bishop of the ward with Raymond W. Rose and Harvey Deem counselors and Lloyd I. Showers, clerk.

1941. The Redwood City Ward was organized October 5, 1941. The above branch presidency became the ward bishopric. Claude C. Varney and Louis H. Osterloh as counselors and Harold J. Suhlsen, clerk.

1952. Bishop Osterloh led in purchase of a building lot at cost of $9,000.00.

1953. Ground-breaking ceremonies were held February 21, 1953 with Bishop Osterloh turning the first shovelful of dirt.

1954. The ward was divided December 12, 1954 and San Carlos Ward creasttd. The new bishopric of Redwood City Ward was William R. Callister with William S. Durrant and William D. Brew, counselors and A. Kay Voyce and Dean Brunson, clerks. The new San Carlos bishop was Claude C. Stevens with Alvin Gentry and Keith Merrill, counselors and P. G. Taylor and Clifford E. Warner, clerks.

1956. The new joint Redwood City and San Carlos Ward's shapel was dedicated February 26, 1956.

NEW CHAPEL OF REDWOOD CITY AND SAN CARLOS WARDS, DEDICATED FEB. 26, 1956.
This new chapel's seating capacity is 325, but an adjacent recreational hall can be thrown open to accomodate from 400 to 500 persons. There are off-street parking facilities for 100 automobiles. The chapel is located at 1475 Edgewood Road, Redwood City, near the San Carlos border. The cost was $240,000.

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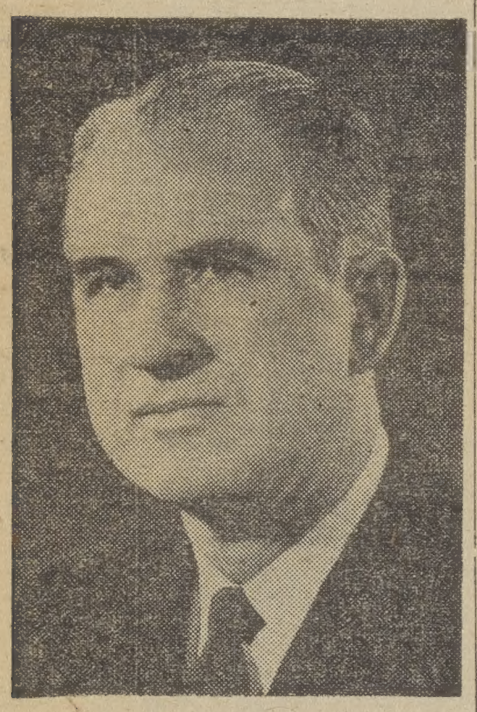
PALO ALTO STAKE PRESIDENCY AS IT IS TODAY
....Standing, left to right: David B. Haight, president and Alvin L. Gentry. Seated: Sydney V. Badger, first counselor and Richard B. Sonne, second counselor. This stake presidency has served unitedly since March 1951. During this period the stake lost three San Jose Wards to San Jose Stake Nov. 30th 1952, but has added Los Altos Ward, created five wards and one branch, and has built five new chapels.



RICHARD P. SONNE
Elder Richard P. Sonne was set apart as bishop of Palo Alto Ward, January 6, 1946 with Dix M. Jones and David B. Haight as counselors. Other counselors who served with Bishop Sonne 1946 to 1950 were H. Taylor Perry and Lund A. Johnson who in 1950 succeeded Elder Sonne as bishop.

SAN MATEO'S SECOND BISHOP AND COUNSELORS
....William L. Stoker served as ward bishop from January 16th 1949 to November 21, 1954. He was bishop when the chapel was dedicated.
Shown above, left to right, are Paul N. Fife, 1st counselor, Bishop Stocker and Louis J. Cresta, second counselor. Omitted is Reynold A. Henson, ward clerk- Chency Photo Service

Glad He's Getting Old

When the lad addressed to his aging kinsman the frank query; "Uncle Bob, ain't you sorry you're getting old?", "Heck no," said the uncle, "If I wasn't getting old, I'd be dead."

How Palo Alto Has Grown

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dained by Apostle Stephen L. Richards January 6, 1946, with Dix M. Jones, first counselor. During his administration as bishop Brother Sonne had a succession of second counselors: David B. Haight, H. Taylor Perry, and finally, Lund Johnson, who was then new to the ward but had come to us with real administrative experience as a bishop from as East Bay ward. John V. Anderson, Taft Wrathall, and Merrill Heimendinger all served as ward clerks. Brother Sonne himself had come into the bishopric after having served with Bishop Tueller.

The ward was still rather sprawling and scattered geographically but, by present standards, was a relatively small ward having about 400 to 425 members. It had always however, been, a very closely knit group, the members loving one another dearly with a absence of differences or factions at any time.

After The War

Immediately after the close of the war, large numbers of families moved from Utah into the Palo Alto area. Among these wer Stanford students who were young veterane and their wives. At times we had as many as 150 veterans and their wives and children. As fast as they graduated they found positions hereabouts and settled down with us.

No wonder we were casting covetous eyes on the lot next door to the chapel.

Palo Alto Stake was created in 1946. At that time Palo Alto Ward was the largest ward in the Stake, even tho these included the San Jose groups.

Finally we put on a big drive and purchased the corner lot and were off to a flying start in planning for remodeling the small ward chapel which had been built 15 years earlier. Of course many long months were consumed gathering money, and many more before the plans were really ready for building.

Welfare activity had increased so that during this period the stake's Bishop's Storehouse was constructed in Redwood City, in which Palo Alto members shared. Most of this money came from ward dinners. We all took on a very well-fed look indead.

Jr. Gleaners, Jr. M Men Fireside and Party Palo Alto Stake

Saturday April 28 is the date of a delightful evening for the Junior Gleaners and Junior M Men of Palo Alto Stake.

It's the big Fireside and Party!

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Two Year History Of Young San Bruno Ward Recalled

by Donnitta R. Peterkin

Burlingame Ward, of Palo Alto Stake was divided into two wards April 11, 1954, thus San Bruno Ward was formed. The population of the ward at that time was 545. The bishopric consisted of: Thomas J. Curtis, bishop; Bryan A. Espenchied, first counselor; R. Whitney Groo, Jr., second counselor; Wilbur E. Moulton, ward clerk; William I. Tatum, and Paul Thomasson Jr. assistant clerks.

When Brother Espenschied moved to Salt Lake City, R. Whitney Groo and John Parry became the counselors, Oct. 24, 1954.

John C. Parry was released as second counselor and Franklin H. Ayrton was sustained in that position, August 21, 1955. On December 4, 1955 Paul Thomasson and William I. Tatum were released as assistant ward clerks.

Sharp Park Branch was organized May 22, 1955, with 150 members, with Seymore Steed president, Ruben Burrell and Robert J. Parry, counselors, and James Hopkins, branch clerk.

The bishopric of San Bruno Ward is now Thomas J. Curtis, bishop with R. Whitney Gross, and Franklin H. Ayrton, counselors, Wilbur E. Moulton, ward clerk, and Ray F. Nielsson and Harold M. Mathis, assistant ward clerks.

Lund Johnson Becomes Bishop

When Bishop Richard Sonne was released on June 18, 1950 and Lund Johnson became our bishop, the ward had grown to between 950 and 1,000 members,

Lund Johnson was set apart as bishop on August 27, 1950, with Conway Sonne as First, and Mitchell Hunt as Second counselor, Merrill Heimendinger as statistical clerk and Farrell McGhie as financial clerk. Subsequently Theo Verhaaren replaced Mitchell Hunt and Carl Poll replaced Conway Sonne, as these two brother moved from the ward.

During the twenty-seven months which these men served, the ward membership reached about 1,200. Not only were we busy eating ward dinners amid the rubble of the enlarging building, but men and women were learning all sorts of new building skills.

The great number of our highly specialized exectives and office workers still have a wholesome respect for the men who know how to swing hammers, draw saws, lay concreate or carpets and rubber tile, because they also now know how. In addition to other help, the women took turns in providing refreshments for the workers. But then some noticed that many men went home right after the party.

Taylor Peery was the chairman of the Finance Committee and J. Cyrill Johnson of the Claude T. Lindsay Company, was the builder.

Dix Jones Made Bishop

Dix Jones was appointed bishop right in the midst of this tremendous activity and was sustained on November 30, 1952. With him were Theo Verhaaren, first and Glen Wade, second counselors.

Alma Kartschner was ward clerk for a time, succeeded by Jack Taylor, then by Earl Kern and Gordon Sundberg. Assistant ward clerks were Farrell McGhie, financial clerk, Lyle Connell and Kenneth Larson, the latter two now serving.

Very soon the ward was divided and the members living in San Mateo County were formed into the Menlo Park Ward, leaving about 600 members in the Palo Alto Ward. Both wards now use the remodled chapel which was dedicated December 13, 1953 by Elder Stephen L. Richards. The Menlo group are looking forward to moving into new quarters in a few weeks, because both wards have once more found great need of expansion as membership in each group is close to 900 again.

House and Lot Bought

Late in 1955 we purchased a house and lot adjacent to our property at the back and used the house for class rooms and the garage for our welfare newspaper-folding business.

You will hear about us again because the Palo Alto Ward is a growing concern. We have able and unselfish leaders, sincere and willing followers and a kind and loving Father to bless us in all that we try to do in righteousness.

PRESENT SAN MATEO WARD BISHOPRIC
....Frank A. Martin became bishop of San Mateo Ward November 21, 1954. Angus C. Fox Jr. a counselor, having moved away, the present bishopric is as shown above: seated, left to right: Adrian G. Sant, first counselor; Bishop Martin and Robert F. Whitney, second counselor; standing Samuel N. Judson and Arthur E. Cagle, clerks.

MARIAN ENNOR, MENLO PARK WARD LIBRARIAN, Palo Alto Stake, standing in a corner of the library.

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What Interested

The Sunset Ward Easter program promised addresses by Stephhen H. Winter on "Temple Marriage" and by Golden Driggs on "Easter."

J. Golden Kimball of the First Council of Seventy recently had visited with Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Walker, we are informed.

Balboa Ward is reported as having presented a mystery play, "A Scream in the Dark," directed by Druscilla Felsch. The cast included Clyde Pearson, Charlotte Caldwell, Myrtle Stahmer, Grace Hill, Hector Saddler, Clarie Hansen, George Felsch Jr., Floyd Bevans and Clyde Robinson.

Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

And when he had said this, he breated on them, and saith unto them, Recieve ye the Holy Ghost:

—St. John

LORNA HOLDAWAY
Palo Alto Stake Sunday School Librarian

Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith, unto them, Peace be unto you.

And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when hey saw the Lord.

—St. John

KIND GENTLE WAY

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down her food.

"Don't worry about it, just leave her to me," said Mother Taylor.

At the first meal she set no place at the table for Debbie, and when the little tot started to climb up on a chair looking for her place, Grandma asked, "Oh, did you want to eat? I didn't think you cared about eating!" They made room for her but just placed an empty plate before her, not saying a word. Each one served himself, but

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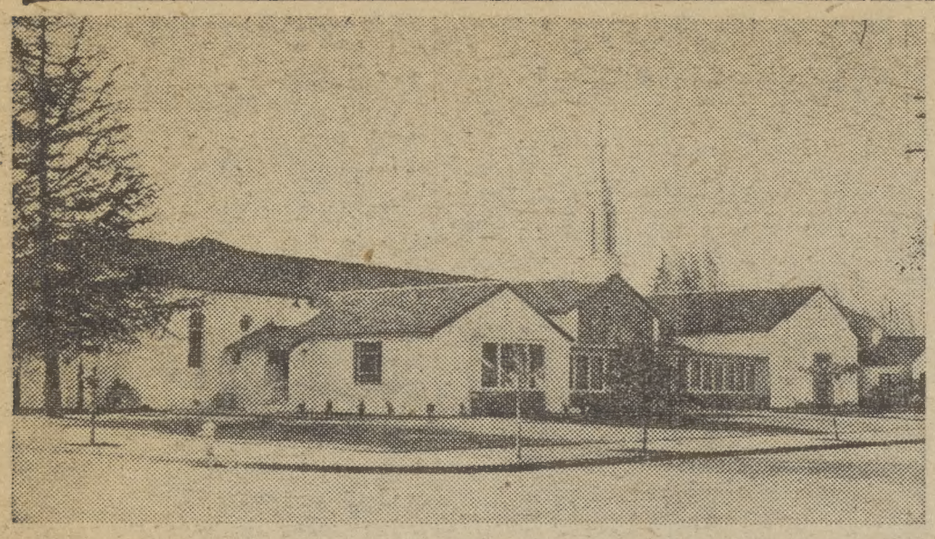

THIS ENLARGED PALO ALTO LDS CHAPEL DEDICATED 1953
....Enlarged and beautifully decorated and appointed, the Palo Alto Ward chapel was rededicated Dec. 13, 1953 by Pres. Stephen L. Richards.-Cheney Photo Service.

THIS ORIGINAL PALO ALTO CHAPEL SERVED FROM 1931 TO 1953
....This stateloey Palo Alto LDS chapel was dedicated May 10, 1931 by Pres. Heber J. Grant. It served well, and true for worshiping and ther church activities until, out-grown, it was enlarged and dedicated Dec. 13, 1953 by Pres. Stephen L. Richards.

President McKay and San Mateo Bishopric
Smiling David O. McKay is here flanked by Bishop Wm. L. Stoker on the left, and counselor Elmo Smith and Worth W. Daniels on the right at time of dedication of San Mateo chapel.

Stephen L. Richards related his viewing in 1906 of the awful destruction of San Francisco after the terrible earthquake of that yea.r.

Years later he went back to the city after its restoration and read engraven on a stone wall in the restorted City Hall these portentous words: "O thou San Francisco, thou great and beautiful city of the West, thou who hast tried and not been found wanting."

A SAN MATEO WARD EARLY BISHOPRIC
Stanley S. Gibb was San Mateo's first bishop. This picture was taken after Frank A. Martin had succeeded Frank F. Davis as a counselor. Standing left to right are Floyd K. Bevan, 1st counselor, Bishop Gibb and Frank A. Martin, 2nd counselor. Omitted from cut is Raynold A. Hansen, Ward clerk.-Cheney Photo Service

The Berkeley High Priest's quorum now offers 20 food items for current use and storage! Call any Saturday morning at the wheat flour and cracked wheat cereal (fresh every Saturday), beans, (lima and red) split peas, vegetables, honey.

East Bay News As It Appeared In April Issue

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nacle and 50 per cent for the ward of the club and an article on the club's objectives.

"Organized August 1945, at the suggestion of William H. Evans of Dimond Ward, one of our leading LDS businessmen and High Council members, Sam Scott, Elmo Smith, Herb Van Noy, and Fred Weindorf imediately joined" and perfect the organization.

We read further: "Among the many projects to be fostered by the Liahona Club was the revival of the Stake Messenger as an organ of spirituality, friendship and mutual helpfulness among the people of the Church."

Continuing, the article says "It is not too much to say that the appearance of the Messenger at this time and its flourishing prospects stem largely from the interest and advertising support the Liahona Club members have rendered."

Other club projects listed are helping to secure work for returning LDS servicemen and to encourage them to enter business for themselves; to foster right solutions of civic problems, both local and national; to overcome old barriers of intolerance.

Finally, a further canon of the club is declared to be that the members should trade with each other for friendship reasons.

San Mateo Wards Ten Year History Shows Happy Days

by Stanley Gibb

AT A SPECIAL MEETING called by San Francisco Stake President Claude B. Peterson, on Sunday, June 9, 1946, the Burlingame Ward was divided to create a new ward—San Mateo. Bishop Stanley S. Gibb, who with Floyd K. Beven and Frank F. Davis, counselors and with Ralph Montegue, ward clerk, had presided over the Burlingame Ward since March 25, 1945 (with the exception of the clerk), became the bishopric of the New San Mateo Ward. Raynolds A. Hansen at that time became ward clerk.

At the Sacrament meeting on the next Sunday, 38 members were in attendance. There were 122 families and 338 members in the new Ward. On June 23, just two weeks after the ward's birth, it became a members of the new Palo Alto Stake.

On December 8, 1946 the ward purchased a two-acre plot of ground on Borel Avenue in San Mateo. December 14, 1947 the War Assets Administration approved a bid by Bishop Gibb to purchase a surplus Navy Chapel located at Camp Shoemaker, eastward across the Bay. The Presiding Bishop's Office paid $4,000 for the building, and the ward's priesthood (and women and children) dismantled the structure and transported the materials to the Boral Avenue lot.

BISHOP LUND A. JOHNSON AND COUNSELORS OF PALO ALTO
....This bishopric was set apart August 2, 1950 at the time planning and fund raising was going forward for enlarging the ward chapel. They served until Bishop Dix Jones and his counselors were sustained, Nov. 30, 1952. Shown above, left to right, standing: Nerrill Heimenberger, ward clerk: R. W. Richardson, financial clerk. Seated: Conway Sonne, first counselor, Lund A. Johnson, bishop; Mitchell Hunt, second counselor.—Cheney Photo Service.

The work was completed on Labor Day, 1948, after more than 150 round trips had been made and 3600 man-hours expended in the project. Counsellor Frank F. Davis moved his residence, and on January 18, 1948, Frank A. Martin was called as second counsellor in the bishopric.

Bishop Gibb Released

Bishop Gibb and counsellors were released January 16, 1949, and William L. Stoker, Paul W. Fife and Louis J. Cresta were called to carry on as ward bishopric. Raynold A. Hansen remained as ward clerk. During the services of Bishop Stoker, property was obtained at 37th Avenue and the Alameda le las Pulgas, and on September 24, 1950 ground was broken to commence work on a new chapel. Paul Fife answered the call of his country, whereupon Worth W. Daniels took his place in the bishopric, and assumed the responsibility of over-all supervisor of the building project.

After the building was completed, Louis J. Cresta, was released from the bishopric, and succeeded by Elmo Smith. Robert Whitney became ward clerk, Arthur Cagle assistant clerk and Eugene Kimball, financial secretary.

February 22, 1953 will long remain in the memory of the members of San Mateo Ward and Palo Alto Stake, for on that day, our beloved President David O. McKay gladdened the dedication of the new chapel by his attendance. His address on "Character and Service" and his the dedicatory prayer are highlights of the event.

San Mateo II Created

The impetus provided by the new house of worship bore fruit in the rapidly growing membership. On Sunday, November 21, 1954, under the direction of President David B. Haight, the San Mateo Ward was divided at 28th Avenue to create a new San Mateo Ward. The bishopric was released, and at that time Frank A. Martin was sustained as new bishop of our San Mateo Ward. His counsellors were Angus C. Fox, Jr., and Adrian G. Sant, Arthur E. Cagle became ward clerk and Jerry P. Ferriante financial clerk. At this division, San Mateo Ward had 204 families and 503 members; San Mateo Second Ward, 183 families, and 491 members.

Again on January 15, 1956 another change was made in the bishopric, when Angus C. Fox Jr. removed from the ward and was released. Hhe was succeeded by Adrian G. Sant as first counsellor, and Robert F. Whitney became the new members of the bishopric, Present ward population (March 1, 1956) 231 families, 604 members.

New Chapel Planned

With the property on Borel Avenue still in the hands of the Church, Bishop Martin recently announced plans for establishing a building fund for the purpose of erecting another ward chapel on the site. Such is the growth of the Church.

The ward, recovering somewhat after the latest division is again becoming again a fully organized unit, and moving forward to greater accomplishments. The bishop is grateful for the willing services given by so many of the faithful in the ward all of which is reflected in the activity and participation of members in the various auxiliary programs.

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not a thing for Debbie. Finally, she asked for some vegtables and ate as it she were starved.

At the next meal grandma did the same thing, but after that it wasen't necessary, and when they left at the end of a week no one ever had to mention eating to Debbie again. Nor have they ever had a problem with the meals any more.

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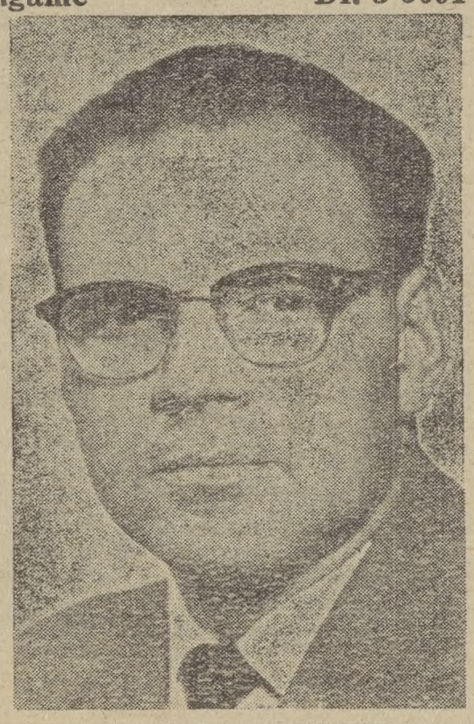

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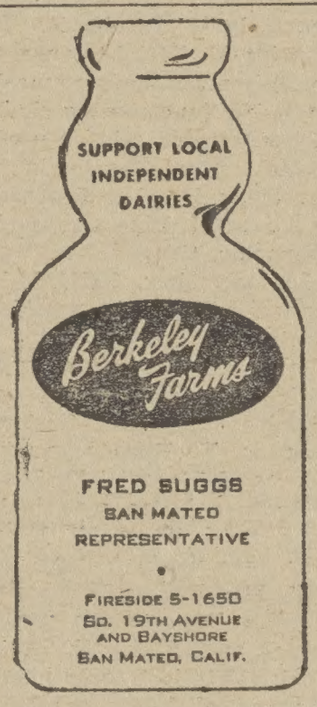

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—Malachi 3:1.

A Glance Backward Over Ten Years Publishing The Messenger

Ten years ago (April 1946) the present editor of the Messenger, acting for the local Church Authorities, issued the first number of the revived Messenger. Those ten years (and 120 editions) of the Messenger ended with last month's issue. Many other heads, hands, and hearts have helped.

Editorial

So having climbed up some sort of hill of newspaper endeavor these ten ytars, we now clear a little space about us and sit down to rest and glance back over the trail and down into the valley whence we began the ascent, if one may call it that.

The first reflection, naturally, concerns those who have made the climb together and are still tried and true to the cause undertaken.

It's a great tribute to character to be able to say we "love in wintry age the same as first in youth we loved." Life together tries the staying qualities. With time ideals grow dimmer; love knows chillings; loyalty to pledges fades.

But with some it is not so. They continue on in one eternal round of idealism, affection, and loyality to pledges. They overlook differences, forgive offenences, surmount booming egos.

House Organ Or Newspaper?

We'll never forget the lifting of sights that came one day before we had started the Messenger when a copy of a Southern California tabloid-sized LDS newspaper came into our hands. For the first ten years the earlier Mesengers had been a small sheet about 10" x 14"; 4 to 8 pages, a house-organ size.

Until the 12" x 17" size, 8 to 12-page tabloid was shown us casually by a friend, the smaller size was a big enough challenge for one who had a total of zero hours experiences in publishing, editing or managing a news sheet..

The Los Angeles tabloid we had seen was published by a LDS printer on his own press and with his wife as editor. We could never hope to equal their impressive paper, we felt. We were not trained in the newspapr world.

But when the first Messnger (revived) appeared in April 1946, there it was, an 8-page tabloid. At last we felt we had aimed high. Whether a heavy fall awaited, we knew not. All was problematical.

We Acquire Equipment On Faith

A promisory note might be called, we presume, faith in action. If so, then we and one of the young Latter-day Saints, who together signed a contact for the purchase on time of a $450 electric addressing machine to supplement the little hand one, were party to that kind of faith. We had absolutely no doubt.

Today it looks truly like faith in the future of the Messenger, because at the time there was no bank account, nor any equipment except the little hand addressing machine and a file of 5 to 15-year-old correspondence.

Perhaps Uncle Sam's Post Office Department should be given great credit too for material aid in the continuance of the Messenger. It seems clear that the low 1-cent-a-pound rate for second class mailing has meant the difference between solvency and insolvency. We remember hearing our first printer, experienced in such matters, tell us it would be impossible for us to secure acceptance by the Department of The Messenger as second class matter. How providential it is that we were accepted, anyway!

Does Advertising Pay?

If advertising doesn't pay, then the whole of newspaperdom is on a sinking foundation.

We've never seen a Messenger advertiser whose business was not helped in some way. In this we've seen loyalty in action just like the faith in action referred to above.

Experience shows that the sure foundation for The Messenger lies in the large number of Church members locally in business for themselves and their conviction that its advertising columns are worth their loyal support.

Convinced of this, The Messenger continuously carries the slogans for buyers: "I will include our LDS businessmen within the circle of my day to day shopping, even tho it requires going a little out of my way. I believe it is brotherhood in action."

To those who elaborate on buyer's disloyalty to all such principles, there seems but one rejoinder: Then we must patiently strive by integrity and good will to build this kind of loyalty in action. It's never too late to start, you know.

Temple News Los Angeles

Approximately 38,000 people attended the dedicatory sessions, March 11-14 at the Los Angeles Temple, some 12,000 less than capacity for the eight sessions. It is estimated that 12,000 came from Utah for the ceremonies. . . .

The Temple Bureau of Information reports that more than 700 persons visited the grounds March 18, the first Sunday following the dedication. The Bureau is opened seven days a week from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. . . . .

Temple bapisms have been going on since Saturday March 25. Ordinance work will begin Monday April 16. . . . .

Temple architect, Esward O. Anderson, and temple building contractor, Soren N. Jacobsen returned to their Salt Lake homes late in March. . . . .

Spirtualitly marked the dedicatory services and the Christ-life aspect of temple work was stressed by all speakers. . . . .

All General Authorities attended these services except Levi Edgar Young whose wife was ill. . . . .

A $200,000 remodeling program for St. George Temple will soon begin. . . .

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SAN FRANCISCO WARD

Dr. Glenn P. Vincent was called into the Armed Services in 1943 and Charles E. Wright was made assistant to the bishopric. Two years later David B. Neff and Charles E. Wright were sustained as Bishop Nadler's counselors with Leon N. Swanson as clerk. Albert C. Peterson was later made second counselor and Charles Wright, first counselor. Brother Peterson moved so Albert H. Pine was made second counselor.

In December, 1951, Bishop Nadler was called to be president of the Central Atlantic States Mission. The ward was then reorganized with Albert H. Price as bishop, Charles E. Wright, first counselor, Stanton F. Benson, second counselor and Maxwell D. Jones, clerk.

Brother Price was bishop until July, 1955, when W. Elwood Scoville was made bishop, with Kenneth M. Glew as first counselor, D. Gordon Paxman as second counselor, and Maxwell D. Jones as clerk. This bishopric presides over a ward of 1,246 members at the present time.

And if I go, and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

My Testimony

by Mabel B. Liddell

At this season of the year when we pause to consider the Last Supper and the Resurrection, it is stimulating to read again some of the final instructions that Jesus gave his followers. Among them, "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another as I have loved you. . . . . By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love, one to another." John 13; 34, 35.

It is deeply satisfying to see countless evidences of compliance with this commandment among the people of his Church today. Sister Alice Horne Chamberlain, now a member of the YWMIA Presidency in Mission Ward, relates a most beautiful and dramatic illustration which occured in her family home in Salt Lake City, about Oct., 1939.

Her younger brother, Jonathan, was stricken with infantile paralysis when about four years old. His attack was so severe that one entire side was completely paralyzed, making it impossible for the little boy to speak and almost impossible for him to swallow. His father, a well known Salt Lake City obstetrician called a pediatrician to assist in diagnosing the severe llness. After his examination the parents fully realized the gravity of the situation for he stated that he wasn't sure whether the little boy was suffering from polio or spinal meningitis, or both of these diseases together, but he did not expect the child to live until morning.

About Two A.M.

With full faith in the heavenly Father's wisdom and confident that He would guide her, Sister Horne faced this desperate challenge. She tenderly cared for her little son, urging him to try to speak to her, but only mumbles came forth. The only thing he would even try to swallow was ice cream; and tiny bites of it fed him about every hour night and day.

During the second or third night of her ordeal, about two a.m. she was trying once more to urge him to take ice cream, when suddenly, without hesitation he turned over in bed and with his formerly paralyzed arm pointed high up on the wall, saying excitedly, "Mother, there's a spider up there on the wall." From that moment he was perfectly well in every way.

Later that day Sister Horne was informed of a most touching demonstration of the devotion of some beloved friends. Two couples, both very dear to her, living in separate homes had each been impressed to pray for Jonathan in the night. Both couples, men with their wives, had been awakened from sound sleep in the middle of the night and felt urgently prompted to arise from their beds and kneel in prayer for the child of their friend. Each couple, without knowledge of the actions of the other, knelt beside their bed and pled to the Father in heaven in behalf of the dangerously ill boy. They earnestly prayed, not for just a few moments, but on and on at great length, until finally they felt relieved and their minds were completely at peace. Before retiring again, they each looked at the clock and noted that it was exactly two a.m.

Salt Lake Boasted 200 Motorists

The Deseret News fifty-years ago (issue of March 10, 1906) said that "Salt Lake as a motor town is on the jump. Denver has 600 mobile men, while Salt Lake is still under 200."

The article is hopeful however, concluding; "If all the men who have threatened to buy keep their promise, Salt Lake will end the present season with a full quota of machines."

Eight Bishops, Oakland Ward

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his removal to Hawaii and Ether M. Davey was set apart as first counselor and Angus N. Norberg as second counselor and Jesse Haddock ward clerk. Due to ill health Ether M. Davey was granted his release in July, 1935, at which time Angus H. Norberg was made first counselor with Ralph Barney as second counselor.

This Bishopric served until December 1937, when Bishop Shields was released and Angus Norberg succeeded him, selecting Reed Chase and J. Rulon Doxey as counselors. Jesse Haddock was released as ward clerk and Arthur Burdett was appointed clerk. When Claremont Ward was formed, Reed Chase was released. Bishop Norberg selected J. Rulon Doxey for first counselor and Vinal G. Mauss for second counselor. Arthur Burdett was released as ward clerk and Paul Hallman set apart.

In March, 1942, Angus Norberg retired as bishop of the Oakland Ward. J. Rulon Doxey was ordained bishop with Vinal G. Mauss and Ralph R. Tate, counselors, and Clifford Bagley, Ward Clerk. Clifford Bagley was released in October, 1942, and Jesse Haddock and Glen Elliott were appointed clerks.

Vinal Mauss Bishop

In 1946 Vinal G. Mauss succeeded J. Rulon Doxey as bishop with A. A. Bliss and Dale Christensen as counselors.

In 1949 Paul E. Warnick succeeded Vinal G. Mauss as bishop with A. A. Bliss and John M. Hughes, counselors.

In 1953 Frank C. Higham succeeded Paul E. Warnick as bishop with Martin Jefferies and Dene Ogden as counselors.

Dene Ogden was released in July, 1954 at which time Richard Johnson was set apart as second counselor to Bishop Higham. During 1955 Martin Jefferies moved out of the ward and the bishopric was reorganized with Richard Johnson and Don W Wall as counselors.

These men constitue the bishopric of the Oakland Ward at the present time.

Summarizing the years of service of Oakland Ward's eight bishops we have had:

C. C. Carr 1927-1930; Eugent B. Jacobs, 1930-1933; John G. Shields, 1933-1937; Angus H. Norberg, 1937-1942; J. Rulon Doxey, 1942-1946; Vinal G. Mauss 1946-1949; Paul E. Warnick 1949-1953; Frank C. Higham 1953 to the present.

Aird Macdonald Messenger Father Too Busy to Recall

W. Aird Macdonald is as busy today in San Joaquin Stake as he always was when serving as Oakland Stake president back in 1931 when he launched the Messenger.

We have the proof of that statement in a letter from him received March 19th in answer to our invitation to write of the early days of the Messenger, its days of travail and colic.

He starts his letter, "Forgive me for this last minute note, but did I ever have such a week as this last one. . . . .It seemed there wasen't a minute when I could sit down and visit with you with a few words about the "travail" that brought forth the Messenger."

Little Focus on Past

And then it appears that his mind was so full of his happq experiences seeing all his old Bay Area friends when he attended the Los Angeles Temple dedication, that he couldn't focus on the Messenger of 25 years ago, or the problems that then arose in keeping it afloat.

You'll see what we mean, when you read the closing paragraphs of his letter;

"Now, dear I. B., to answer your very kind invitation to recall incidents of the Messenger. Well, I can't recall a single unholy thing. It was born out of necessity—"so that the saints might know all that was doing around the Church; events past and coming occasions."

He continues: "Of course, I was reporter, editor, ad solicitor and make-up man. Each month it was another added load-but the eagerness with which the members sought each issue, made it worthwhile.

Sad Day

"It was a sad day to me personally," he declares, "when the Messenger died (in 1941) and what a glorious event when you resurrected it in 1946."

And then W. Aird grows complimentary on debatable territory, instead of retrospective saying, "I have personally sincererly appreciated the splendid and important periodical you have made of it."

Finally as tho calling back over his shoulded as he hurries on to the next job, Mac flings these farewell words:

"Continued success to you. Nelle joins me in love to all."

Now isn't that some retrospective story to interest our readers! Good bye, W. Aird; God bless you and Nelle.

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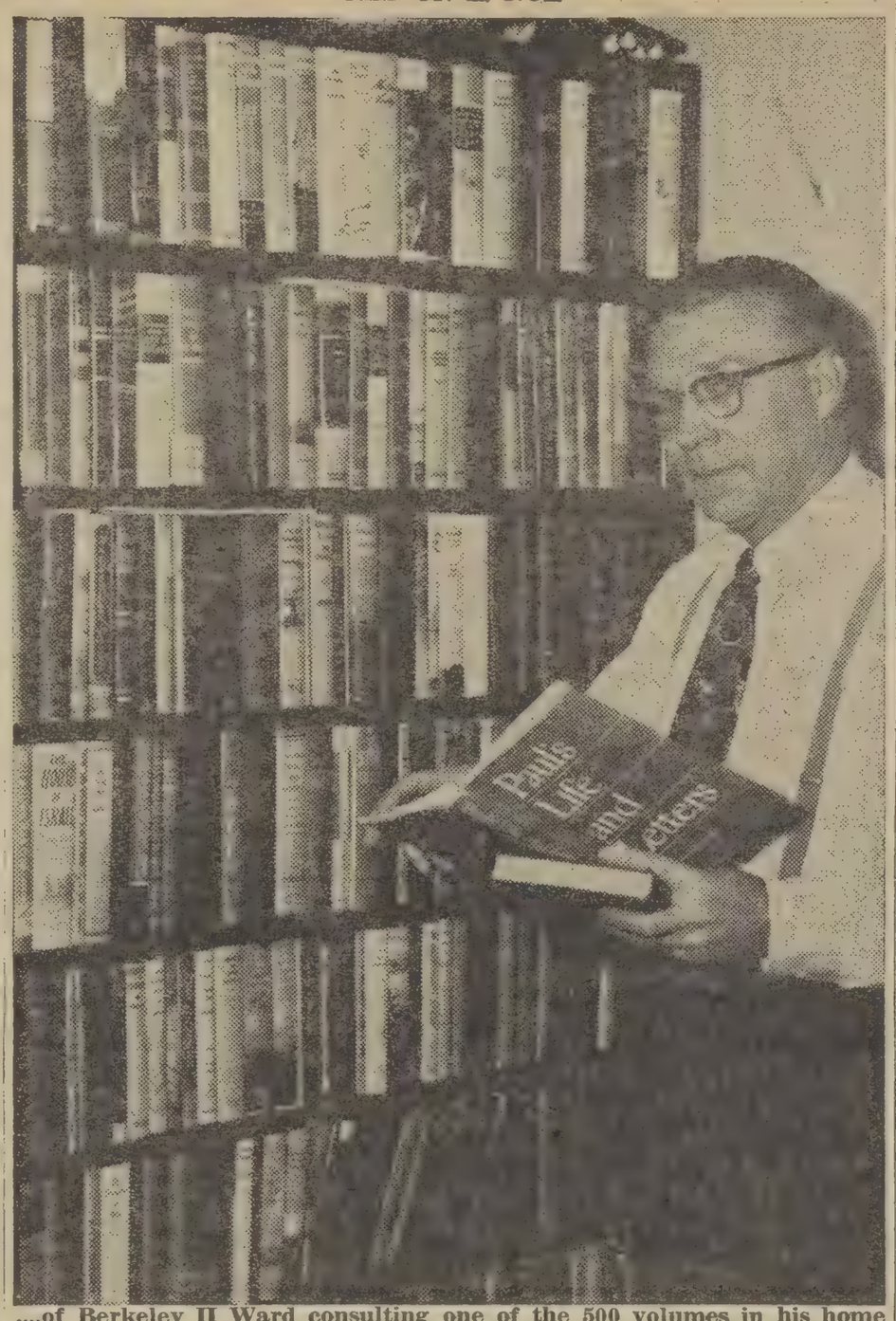

....of Berkeley II Ward consulting one of the 500 volumes in his home library which includes all current LDS books, one of the latest being in his hands. Elder Noe has served long as the efficient circulation manager of the Messngr.

WALNUT CREEK WARD'S NEW BISHOPRIC

Shown above are the members of the Walnut Creek Bishopric sustained, Sunday March 18, 1956. Standing left to right: M. Taylor Abegg, 1st counselor; Mark R. Bickley, bishop; and Richard Miller, 2nd counselor.—Photo by Dale Mayfield.

Wedding Bells

Carmen Stephens, daughter of Marion G. and Estella Stephens, will be married to David P. Graham of the Governments CAA at Tacoma, the first week in May in the Los Angeles Temple. After two weeks honeymoon trip at Acapulco and Mexico City the couple will make their home in Tacoma, Washington.

ALAMEDA Joyce King and Jed Markham were married in the Salt Lake Temple, March 26. Joyce has been serving as a Stake Missionary. **BERKELEY 1ST** W. Glenn Harmon Jr., will wed Miss Beryl Sleater in the Salt Lake temple, Wednesday, April 11, 1956. A reception will be held that evening in the Bonneville Stake Center, Salt Lake City.

Births

Rodeo. Their first child, a daughter, was born to Mrs. Firsteen Lane (nee Marilyn Kersey) March 1, 1956 at the Brookside Hospital in San Pablo.

San Leandro. Ruth and Bill Wright were blessed with the birth of a boy, William Farley Wright, Fr. Another boy was born to Bertha and Harvey Molin.

Castro Valley, (delayed news) Bryan Geddes Kerr was born to the Thomas Kerrs January 1, 1956.

Obituaries

Castro Valey (delayed news) The two month-old infant, Terry Lee Meek, son of Bro. and Sis. Duane Meek, died December 26, 1955.

BERKELEY FIRST

Milton Brinton's Funeral Held, Berkeley Chapel

The funeral of Milton H. Brinton, 67, a high priest of the ward, was held Monday, March 26, 1956 in the Berkeley chapel. The body was shipped to Salt Lake City for another funeral service and burial. His father had been a bishop in the Church at one time in Salt Lake valley.

Coming to Berkeley about twelve years ago, he has served as clerk of the Berkeley Second Ward, and as a stake missionary. He was much loved by everyone for his cheery disposition and friendliness, and for his unusual love of outdoor life and ability to retell his many experiences and adventures in the sports he loved. In Idaho he had been a Sunday School supertendent and MIA president.

Besides his lovely wife, Edna, he is survived by two sons, Dr. Milton H. Brinton, of San Francisco, and Lt. J. Robert Brinton, U. S. Army in France, and four daughters, Amy Call of Portland, Alice Jones of Idaho Falls, Nadine Bettilyon of Salt Lake City, and Jeneve Scott of Pleasant Hill. Milton leaves also five brothers and four sisters, and 20 grandchildren. . . .

The George W. Halls were given a good-bye party Sunday evening, after church services at the home of Bishop Fife, and sponsored by former Bishop Jarman. Bro. and Sis. Hall are moving into a lovely new home in Atherton on an acre of oak trees as a background. George will now be but 15 minutes drive from the new $300,000 building he and his partner have erected in Burlingame for their office and for store rental also.

The I. B. Balls are rejoicing over the news that Russall and Hazel Ball and family will return and reside again in the East Bay area after Russell fulfills an assignment by the AEC this summer at the atomic tests in the Pacific Islands. Russell will have charge thereafter of the technical operations of the AEC in the Oakland office area.

Mark R. Bickley Sustained Bishop W. Creek Ward

Mark R. Bickley was sustained new Bishop of the Walnut Creek ward, to succeed Robert G. Larsen, at Sacrament services March 18, under the direction of Berkeley Stake President W. Glenn Harmon. All members of the stake presidency attended the meeting. Moroni Taylor Abegg was sustained as first and Richard Guy Miller as second counselors. Max T. Green will continue as ward clerk. Dave Chamberlin as financial clerk, Harold W. Clark as assistant ward clerk.

Brother Larsen had served as bishop since January 1951. Alma H. Uffens, his first and Edmond Wells, second counselor, were released with Brother Larsen, all with a hearty tho sad vote of deep appreciation.

Bishop Bickley was born in Panguitch, Utah, was graduated from Granite high school and did college work in Michigan. After serving three years in the armed forces, he was married to Marge L. Jackson at Fresno, September 15, 1942, and they were sealed in the Salt Lake Temple December 12, 1950.

He has served in many offices beginning as president of his decon's quorum. He has been active in Scouting and Exploring, as a ward teaching supervisor and as a counselor in the ward Sunday School.

He went on a stake mission more than two years ago, and was serving in the stake mission presidency, under Wells B. Wilkinson, at the time of the call to be bishop.

Bishop Bickley works for the Burroughs company in Oakland. He and his wife have three girls.

Brother Abegg, works for the Atomic Energy commission, Livermore, and has been an active church worker, including ward teaching, and has served as high priests' instructor, and a counselor in the East Stratford ward, Salt Lake, bishopric. He was also active in Highland Stake ward teaching. He was born in Colonia du Blan Chih, Mexico, was graduated from the BYU Jr. High, received his Ph. D. (Physics) at the University of Utah, and served three years in the armed forces. He was married May 1944, in Salt Lake Temple, to Patricia Ann Terry. They have four girls and one boy. Brother Abegg is a Master M Man.

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Sad Death of Robert Stauffer In Auto Accident

A very sad death occured Friday, February 3, when Robert D. Stauffer, father of three children, Concord Second Ward, was killed as his car struck a tree while he was driving to his work in Martinez. His wife is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max T. Greene of Walnut Creek with whom she is now living, awaiting the birth of a fourth child.

An unusual situation in regard to this sudden death was that on the Monday preceeding the Friday of the accident, Lester J. Swayze of Walnut Creek, called and wrote Bro. Stauffer a $12,500 life insurance policy. Although the doctor's examination had not been completed, still the Beneficial Life has paid the widow the full amount of the policy. The company was able to establish the fact that Bro. Stauffer was in good health when he took out the policy.

Box Soc., Dancing Made Evening

by Una Ellsworth

A large crowd dressed in jeans and ginghams, spent a very enjoyable St. Patrick's evening with a dainty box social supper, followed with square dancing.

Members attending the dedication services of the Temple recently were the Bishop T. Cleon Fitts the Leonard L. Smiths, the Deane Ballards, the Robert Kerseys and the Henry Criddles.

A party of 10 men and boys from our ward spent March 17, at the Welfare Farm near Winters, building fences.

Bp. Mark R. Bickley

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the University ward, Seattle, in 1950, when he was converted to the Gospel while attending the University of Washington. He works for the U. S. Government, Department of Justice. He has been active in ward teaching, and when he and his wife were in the New England Stake mission he served as elders' quorum leader. He was married in the Salt Lake temple in August 1951 to Barbara Bean. They have one boy. He served three years in the armed forces. At the time he was called to serve as bishop's counselor, he was superintendent of the ward Sunday School. He has been in the superintendency since 1952.

The Ten-Year Story of Berkeley Stake Relief Society Briefly Sketched

At the Oakland Stake quarterly conference in October 1946 the Berkeley Stake was organized. Louise Ogdon Knight was chosen as the first president of Relief Society. President Knight selected as her counselors Vera Mayhew and Ida Mortensen, with Ardel Kay as secretary.

There were nine wards and one branch in the Berkeley stake at that time. There was a tenth Relief Society however. One had been organized at Benicia becahse of the number of war workers in that community and the difficulty of transportation.

Planning for the stake welfare center was started almost at once and Sister Knight and her counselors were given an active part in those plans. Meanwhile the project of making pants for men and boys was carried out in the wards as well as possible.

The stake was privileged to hostess a joint meeting with the Oakland stake at which General President Belle S. Spafford and Velma N. Simonson, who was later made a conselor to President Spafford, spoke to the group and were later tendered a reception.

Changes in Presidency

In November of 1947 Sister Kay was made stake Y.W.M.I.A. president and Maybelle H. Andersen succeeded her as R. S. secretary. In May of 1948 Sister Ila Mortensen moved with her family to American Fork, Utah, and Thelma Merrill became second counselor to President Knight.

On account of failing health Louise Knight was released from her position as president of the Berkeley Stake Relief Society, in October, 1948, and Vera H. Mayhew was sustained as president. Sister Mayhew chose as her counselors Maybelle H. Andersen and Ellen Haddock and Iris Greer as secretary. In July of 1951 Sister Greer found it ncessary to be released and Grace Hopkins succeeded to the position of Stake Relief Society secretary.

Meanwhile the number of wards in the stake had been increased Berkeley ward had been divided and one had been organized at Walnut Creek. Membership in the mission had increased and a new stake, Santa Rosa, was formed in 1951 which took in the four wards of the Berkeley stake situated north of Carquinez straights.

each regular annual ward conference. Programs were worker out by the sake board and the members of the board visited each conference as a group.

The average attendance of board members at these meetings was nine. Much strength came to the board through this close association, and all phazes of Relief Society work were improved. That plan of conferences still prevails throughout the stake.

Also in 1951, at the request of President Spafford, Sister Mayhew was privileged to act as hostess to the Stake Relief Society presidents of the area and the wives of the Mission presidents of the Northern California and Chinese missions at a luncheon honoring Mrs. Jeanne Eder Ph. D. of Switzerland, who was president of the International Council of Women, making her official visit to the United States to observe American women's organizations in action. Mrs. Eder is a noted chemist and has taught at European universities as well as working for the advancement of women throughout the world.

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In March of 1951 the Berkeley Stake Relief Sociiety accepted the responsibility placed on them by the General Board of distributing L.D.S. garments. It was and is a successful and worth while activity bringing a needed service to our people.

ence be held in connection with average church service.

Many First Things

The year 1951 saw many first things. The stake presidency asked that a Relief Society ward conferwomen of the stake. It is doubtful if two women ever gave longer or more expert voluntary service to the cause of welfare than Sisters Haddock and Stoddard. Counted in hours the time they have spent would add up to many years of selor Ellen Haddock, assisted by Addie Stoddard, huge stacks of men's and boy's trousers were professionally manufactured by the

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Berkeley Stake Acivity Calendar

APRIL			
7	Sat.	Young People's Dance—Walnut Creek Recreation Hall	8:30 p.m.
13	Fri.	Teen Gold and Green Ball—Walnut Creek Recreation Hall	8:30 p.m.
14	Sat.	Young People's Dance—Walnut Creek Recreation Hall	8:30 p.m.
16	Mon.	Stake M.I.A. Leadership Meeting—Walnut Creek Chapel	7:30 p.m.
20	Fri.	Stake Special Interest Party, Walnut Creek Patio	
21	Sat.	Young People's Dance—Walnut Creek Recreation Hall	8:30 p.m.
27	Fri.	Annual Gold and Green Ball—Richmond Civic Auditorium With Oakland Stake	9:00 p.m.
28	Sat.	Quarterly Conference—Berkeley Chapel—Time to be announced	
29	Sun.	Quarterly Conference—Richmond Civic Auditorium	10:00 a.m.
		Richmond Civic Auditorium	2:00 p.m.
		Berkeley Chapel	7:30 p.m.
MAY			
5	Sat.	Young People's Dance—Walnut Creek Recreation Hall	8:30 p.m.
5	Sat.	High Priest's Quorum Party	
12	Sat.	YWMIA Fashion Show—Walnut Creek Recreation Hall	1:00 p.m.
		Young People's Dance—Walnut Creek Recreation Hall	8:30 p.m.

Sister Mayhew was released as president in July of 1954 and Irene T. Ranker became the third president of the Berkeley Stake Relief Society. Her counselors are LaVerne Rock and Ellen Haddock. Grace Hopkins is presently the secretary.

This organization is very strong and is accomplishing a great deal for the building up of Relief Society in this area. New wards have been organized until now the number of societies is the same as before the creation of the Santa Rosa stake.

September 1955 saw signal honor come to the Berkeley Stake Relief Society. The stake Singing Mothers were invited to sing at the opening session of the Relief Society General Conference in Salt Lake City.

One hundred thirteen women journeyed to the conference without mishap, which is a tribute to the careful planning of Sister Ranker and her co-workers. The chour won high praise and the whole stake was benefited by the uplift which the enthusiasm of these hundred thirteen women gave them. Emma Harmon was chorister.

All Board Members

In addition to the officers already mentioned the following women have served or are serving on the Stake Board. Sister Lenore Wood has given the longest continous service of any woman in the stake. Others are: Almeda Neilson, Edna Harris, Helen Clovis, Grace Boyack, Emma Hinckley, Alta Maggleby, LaVon Johnson, Eva Franz, Sarah Banning, Maurice Boyd, Ada Linblad, Beatrice Markham, Anna Ellsworth, Emma Russel, Mildred Hunt, Grace Summerhays, Mildred Gibbs, Edna Brinton, Mary Dunham, Geneive James, Nedra Lundberg, Bertha Anderson, Elsie Knowles, Emma Harmon, Emma Taylor, Lucille Ream, and Verna Call.

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Berkeley Stake Primary Reports ... Thrilling Growth in Methods, Program

Reports at hand portray the growth of the Berkeley Stake Primaries in many aspects from their 1946 beginning in the new Berkeley Stake, born in that year.

Not only have Primaries spread out in the numbers of enrolled children and associations, but most interestingly in the human touch with which lesson material and its teaching methods are adopted to the child's world and instincts.

The shy child is drawn out into natural expression; music has been improved and used more, flannel boards, groove boards, shadow boxes, and pictures for every theme are now part of abundant visual aids; children and parents are lovingly approved for enlarged enrollments.

In these waqs and even by parties and teaching dancing the social graces as well as ethical and spiritual lessons and developing poise and confidence and happiness and self-control in our children. This is the mission of LDS Primaries.

The Berkeley Stake Primary has grown consistantly in numbers in the last ten years despite losing four ward Primaries when the Santa Rosa Stake was formed in Jan 7, 1951.

We have gone on to create Pleasant Hills, Concord and Concord 2nd wards. Rodeo rose from a branch to a ward and Orinda has become a branch.

Berkeley Stake now has fourteen Primaries, one more than at the time of division in 1951.

The History of the Berkeley Stake Primary

The Berkeley Stake Primary was organized Oct. 13, 1946 with Annetta V. Wood as president, Patricia W. Umberger as her first counselor, Dorothy H. Knowlton, secretary; Margaret Openshaw, historian; Francelle Larsen, seagull leader; Wanda B. Chase, choral director; and Marjorie Pyle, organist.

Sister Wood has remained steadily at the helm to safely guide the good ship 'Primary' into port, tho the Board has changed many times since its small beginning. Her counselors during these last ten years have been LaVon Eyring, Clare Corey, Claire Engel, Bessie Brab and Minerva Bailey. Secretaries fol lowing Sister Knowlton were Rebecca Jacobs and Margaret Williams, and today Anne Sorenson.

The stake board now includes the following: Annetta Wood, president; Bessie Braby, 1st counselor; Minerva Bailey, 2nd counselor; Anne Sorenson, secretary! Alaine Wightmas, inservice trainer; Marjorie Remington, choral director; Ina Spear, organist.

Others are: Guides, Leona Owens; Sherry Chamberlain, seagulls; Bessie Duke, Trekkers; Grace Clark, Bluebirds; Rose Ogden, Blazers; Elaine Marchant, Larks; Margaret Smith, Top Pilots; Beverly Tichenor, Group 2; Dorothy Oram, Group 1; Mildred Brown, Beginners; Marjorie Pyle, librarian; and Margaret Ahlborn, historian.

Stake Annual Objectives Set

Each year begins with an objective, something to work toward throughout the year.

The 1946 objective was complete harmony among the board members. This objective was not only reached in 1946, but maintained in the years since.

These annual goals have included definate steps of progress whereby the quality of Primary work goes forward steadly and measureably.

Among these have been the following objectives:

In 1948, to improve ward music; In 1949 to increase scripture reading and study.

This was accomplished by members taking turns giving scripture talks at Preparation Meetings. It has helped to inspire both ward and stake leaders.

The 1950 goal was to give more concreative help to ward offices by teachers. This was accomplished by giving actual class demonstrations at Preparation Meetings, and by demonstrating the use of visual aids in class work.

The 1952 objective was to encourage the shy child to participate Methods were discussed in preperation classes; then demonstrations were given to show how to include the shy child and draw him out to express himself.

For Better Visual Aids

To build better and more visual aids was the 1953 ideal. The stake supply of visual aids was begun by the Board members collecting pictures, and mounting a supply brought from Salt Lake City.

As they increased this supply it because evident that no one person could hope to mount them all. A work party was organized. The pictures were mounted and a good time was enjoyed by all. The historian and librarian then indexed the smaller groups of pictures and used boxes as filing cabinets. More filing cases have been acquired as our visual aids grew in scope and numbers.

All materials have been catalogued, and lists of avilable supplies given to the teachers. These supplies include:

Pictures on the Old and New Testament. The Book of Mormon Church Authorities, Church history, and Article of Faith sets also pictures of home, church, school, seasons, patriotical themes, animals, love, truth and almost everything a Primary teacher may need in her work.

It also includes such tools as, scissors, paste, tape, crayons, chalk, erasers, groove boards, flannel boards, shadow boxes, samples for gift-making and a knot board for the Trekkers. New items are being added each year.

One 1954 objective was to help the Cub movement to become stake wide. Our stake had the first Cub pack in California. More will be said about the Cubs in next month's Messenger.

One 1955 goal was to enroll every child of Primary age. All children were to be contacted by the teacher of that age group, not once but many times in gentleness and love.

Some of the methods suggested were: telephoning, writing cards, sending birthday greetings, visiting the parents, asking the parents to be present at a special meeting in which a board members demonstrated the importance of Primary to the child.

The Children's Friend

The subscriptions to the Children's Friend, official magazine of the stake. Primary have increased annually, bringing special awards and honor to Berkeley stake.

In 1953 we had 463 subscriptions which increased to 667 in '54, 695 in '55.

1955 brought our subscriptions passed the quota, bringing further honor to the stake in the form of a bronze plaque.

At the General Primary Conference now in session in S. L. C. our stake received the silver cup to remind us that the "Children's Friend" is an important part of every childs life. Much credit is due to officers and teachers led by Bessie Braby in this acievement.

Each year the Primaries send gifts to the "Children's Hospital". These are usually sent at Christmas time, as food, clothing, bedding, personal wants and books, toys and games. Two quilts have been made by the stake board. An afghan was made by the Seagull girls and teachers of the stake, and put together by their stake leader.

One Major Problem

There is one major problem in our stake that has not yet been completely over-come.

It is the problem of transporting children to and from Primary each week. Many ideas have been suggested and tried, yet transportation still is accountable for a large percent of our inactive children.

In 1955 we had 1391 Primary-age children but only 925 of them were enrolled. In 1956, 1553 with 963 active.

Car pools, double trips, and home Primaries have been tried. They help when used consistently but they are not the answer to this pressing problem.

One person suggested the stake buy a second-hand bus in good condition for staggered stake-wide use. But two buses and drivers would still not cover our 14 Primaries. The cost would seem to be prohibitive.

Do we hear suggestions from the public? Indeed we do.

And we appreciate everyone of them in the spirit in which they are given. It is through these suggestions that new ideas are developed.

Parties, Programs, Dances

To stimulate an interest in the children and increase their knowledge of the social graces, develop poise and confidence the Stake has given parties and programs. They have also taught ballroom dancing to the teachers, to enable them in turn to prepare the older groups for M. I. A.

Yearly graduating nights have been changed to parties for the Trailbuilders, and parties for the Homebuilders in 1948.

The boys party is usually given about Halloween time. They are real boys' parties, with plenty of action, and fun also for Dads to join in.

The girls' parties are given in February. An outstanding part of the presentation of ceramic class emblems were made by their stake leader. These little birds representing the Larks, Bluebirds and Seagulls are now a cherrished part of the Homebuilders Primary work.

Spot News

If you don't read the weekly "'Church News", you probably missed these items and many others.

After a laspe of 100 years a branch of the Church has been organized in old Nauvoo, Illinois. Meetings will be held regulary in the Bureau of Information on the od Temple Square in Nauvoo. . .

Livermore Ward, Oakland Stake, is ilsted among 216 other wards that recieved in 1955 the Aaronic Priesthood Award. Gridley Stake is honored by having four wards in this list. . . . .

"Church inactivity is not the result of a blowout, but a slow leak," says a writer on the bishop's page.

The Salt Lake Tabernacle Choir will travel again in July. This time by invitation to Denver's Red Rock amphitheatre for converts July 13 and 14 and the traditional Sunday morning broadcast July 15. . . . .

A three-act play, "The Hour of Glory," based on III Nephi 11:8 of the Book of Morman is being presented this spring in wards all over Salt Lake City. This is the fifth religious production written and staged by Mrs. Luacine Clark Fox.

DENTAL AUTHORITY SAYS MALNUTRITION CAUSES TOOTH DECAY

Dr. J. C. Almy Harding, nationally known nutritionist, and dentist, speaking before the University of California Dental Alumni Association at the St. Francis Hotel, S.F. January 23, 1956 made a plea for more attention to nutrition by physicians.

"Most dental decay and much more pyorrhea are the direct result of chronic malnutrition" Dr. Harding declared.

"For total health, diets should be prescribed by physicians rather than by dentists, but 'THE PRACTICING PHYSICIAN HAS LET THE FIELD OF NUTRITION GO BY DEFAULT'. The public turns to the pharmiacist, the health-food store clerk, the chiropractor, and even their dentist to yearn what they should learn from the only man licensed to treat the whole body," he concluded.

Primary Grads Honored at Party

By Alva Mae Forsyth

The Guide Patrol under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis honored two recent primary graduates, Chris Evenson and Richard Barney with a party.

The Primary is happy to welcome a new member of our ward, Mrs. Audrey Morgan who will serve as Primary teacher.

Among those who attended the dedication of the Los Angeles Temple were the Roger Tylers, Kermit Perrins, Don Evans, Gordon Barneys, Les Korths, Wayne Holdens, William Evensons, Arthur Granshaws, Grant Shaws, Mabel Wadsworth, Yvonne Cooper, and Hattie Vom Dorp. The Eldon Pucketts remained home because of illness.

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Story of Martinez Told by Member From Way Back

By Alva Mae Forsyth

The beginnings of the Martinez Ward as told by E. J. Barnes, one of the founders of the ward.

Mr. Barnes arrived in Martinez in October, 1925, accompanied by his wife and four children. Since there was no LDS Church in Martinez at that time, he, being anxious that his children attend an LDS Sunday School, paid a visit to Elder David A. Haymore of the Northern States Mission. He held out little hope for organizing a branch in Martinez, because of the lack of sufficient members.

The missionaries had tracted Martinez the month before and had found only three LDS families in the town. Two of those families told the missionaries that they had absolutely no interest in the Church and did not wish to be known as Latter-day Saints for fear they would be shunned and hurt in their business ventures. They asked the Elders not to visit their homes again.

The third family, however, welcomed the Elders with open arms and entertained them during their stay there. This was the J. H. Bunce family.

While attending a social function in Oakland Brother Barnes had a long talk with Elder W. Aird Macdonald, president of the Oakland Stake regarding the establishing of a Sunday School at Martinez. Not long after this two missionaries, Elder Neilson and Elder Drage called, and asked if they might use the Barnes residence for Sunday School services.

One paper Cooperated

This was readily agreed to, and this coming event was written up for the Sunday Church section of the town's two papers. But to their surprise one of the newspapers refused to print the notice. The other paper happily agreed to publish the notice and anything else the Elders might have from time to time.

The following Sunday, in the year 1926 Elders Neilsen and Drage presided over the first session of the first LDS Sunday School over held in Martinez. The number of people who attended far exceeded expectations and encouraged the brethen.

The first baptisms in Martinez were performed in the small swimming pool at the rear of the Barnes home. The Elders and missionaries baptised a number of children there. Some of the children of the branch and others in the neighborhood used to refer to it as the "Baptism place."

The attendance increased each Sunday and soon Brother Barnes' home was too small to accommodate the number who came to learn the gospel message. Arrangements were made to use the Odd Fellow's Hall on Ferry Street. Elder Kest was appointed president of the branch, and to take charge of the services, thus releasing the two missionaries for labor elsewhere.

Catholic Opposition

Shortly after the branch organization word got around that one of the priests from the local Catholic church would deliver a sermon on the "Menace of Mormanism." The missionaries decided to attend services and learn something about the menace. The priest delivered an impassioned sermon labeling our missionaries as purveyors of false and pernicious doctrines.

He warned his listeners not to allow the missionaries into their homes, not to accept any literature, and to warn their neighbors and friends of the menace. He paid the missionaries an unintended compliment when he added "By all means don't try to argue with these men as they are too well read and too clever and adept at quoting and distorting the Scripmaster.

On March 2, at the home of Bea tures to further their own misguided ends."

That the warnings of the priest were unheeded by several members of the congregation was evidenced by the fact that the missionaries were invited into a number of Catholic homes where they indulged in friendly and pleasant discussions with the heads of the house and even were complimented on their courage and zeal in promulgating an unpopular and maligned faith.

Apostle Visits Branch

Early in 1927 word came that Apostle George Albert Smith would pay us a visit and deliver a sermon on general church principles. A notice containing the many and varied activities of Brother Smith in both civic and national affairs was published in the paper, and the public was cordially invited.

As a result the hall was packed, and although the Apostle was suffering with a heavy cold he delivered a wonderful sermon and created a strong and favorable impression.

When we moved the branch headquarters from Odd Fellows Hall to the little building on Thompson Street we were subjected a number of times to annoyances of having the whole building plunged into darkness by someone pulling the light switch on the outside wall of the building. Since the switch box had been placed high on the wall out of the reach of children. It was felt that the annoyance was the work of an adult who resented our presence in the neighborhood.

When Bishop Kest made it known in the neighborhood that the matter had been reported to the police the annoyance ceased.

Several months after the branch was organized and growing steadily in membership we received notice from the publishers of the local newspaper who had refused our notice the year before that they would be happy to print anything we might have. There was now "room in the paper for our notices." This invitation was accepted by the branch, and everyone was happy.

Patriarch Potts Helps

When the Church was confronted with any problems concerning doctrine and ordinances there was always a sure solution when Patriach William E. Potts of Walnut Creek was consulted. When in need of a gifted speaker for any regular or special occasion, Patriach Potts was always found willing and eager.

Alice Thompson Primary President

By Beverly Stevenson

Recently the Richmond Ward Primary has reorganized. Pres. Lula Borkman was released. The secretary who had served under her, Sister Alice Thompson, was made president. Sister Thompson chose to retain the same counselors as had served under Sister Borkman, thus Sister Edna Cecil and Thelma Hatt are her counselors. A new secretary will be chosen in the immediate future. All the teachers will remain the same.

Sister Lula Borkman will take a well deserved vacation. She had served two years as a counselor in the Primary, then seven continuous years as president. During that time. the Primary grew from a small handful of children to a large healthy enrollment. Sister Borkman leaves a very outstanding record. The Richmond Ward Primary officers and teachers were the outstanding group, percentagewise, in the stake, for attendance at the monthly stake leadership meetings.

Sistr Borkman's loving leadership created remarkable cooperation with her associates in Primary work. Because of her sincere interest and love of children, the children all love and respect her, as does all the ward. Sister Borkman's son, Floyd Don Borkman, will soon be released from military service, in the Orient, as a paratrooper.

Recently two Guides were grad-

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Liahona Club Has Monthly Dinner

The usual monthly dinner-meeting of the Liahona Club was held on the regular fourth Monday evening at the Robin Hood Inn, 55 Grand Avenue, Oakland.

Presiding at his first meeting was the 1956 club president, Dale Roe. General suggestions and discussions of the time, place, and programs for future club meetings took up most of the time. District meetings in Walnut Creek and Hayward were advocated as alternating sessions.

A. D. Erickson, chairman of the Liahona Lodge, asked for authority to arrange the annual fund raising dinner program.

The meeting favored the Messenger's current plan for assembling in its colums a complete LDS business directory for the Bay Area, and printing the same in a booklet for free distribution to readers of the Messenger in the four Bay Area stakes.

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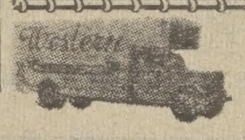
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Reports From Two LDS Expeditions Currently Digging in Southern Mexico

Working without fanfare or benefit of wide publicity are two LDS archaeology field expeditions in the State of Chiapas, Mexico, the state bordering on Guatamala.

So unobtrusively is the work being carried forward, that the Church in general is not conscious of the potentialities involved.

A March 1956 "U. A. S. Newsletter" from the Department of Archaeology at the Brigham Young University reported briefly from Dr. M. Wells Jakeman then working on one of the main rivers in Chiapas, and from Gareth W. Lowe, assistant field director of the New World Archaeological Expedition then digging on the second chief river in the same state.

Thus two current theories as to the probable ancient sites of the Book of Morman Bountiful and Zarahemla and the River Sidon are being scientifically tested.

Field reports to-date indicate that large centers of population existed within pre-classic times (the Book of Morman period) in both the Usumacinto and Grijalva River valleys. Each expedition reports locating sites of ancient cities dating significantly into the Book of Morman records of occupancy in the general region.

Thomas Stuart Ferguson, Oakland attorney and president of the New World Archaeological Foundation whose field force is now working in the Grijahra River basin, is preparing to visit the NWFA field expedition in May.

This expedition of approximately fifty workmen under field director Dr. Heinrich Berlin, assisted by five B.Y.U. archaeology students, reports fifty mounds found at Chiapa de Corzo dating from the first century BC to about 300 AD, about fifteen burials, over 100,000 potsherds, and what are probably the earlist discovered structures of cut stone in southern Mesoamerica.

The site evidently was abandoned around 300 AD and lay unoccupied for centuries. This date is thought to be particularly significant when compared with the Book of Mormon claim (Mormon 2) that the Nephites abandoned the Land Southward about 300 AD.

The N.W.A.F. moved its party in late February to excavate at San Jacinta, an area containing considerable pre-Classic (Book of Mormon period) material near Comitan on the Grijalra.

This San Jacinta region is to be extensively test-pitted in April and May and appears to have great possibilites. Indeed, it is declared to be the largest ancient site yet discovered on either river dating into early Nephite times.

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Alice Thompson

uated from Primary. Harry Costello and Karl Wells are now serving as deacons in the Aaronic priesthood.

Ken Gengler, Explorer leader, reports that April 6 will be an Honor Court for Post 113, followed by a dance with the Miamaids. Recently, the boy scouts had a swimming party at the Richmond Plunge, and were served refreshments at the home of the scout-Parsons, a surprise shower was given for the expectant Betty Hayes.

Bishop Henderson reminds us that the work of contacting the members of the ward for their pledges for the new inter-stake center in Oakland is continuing. Those families not yet contacted will be seen in the very near future. The center will be a very valuable contribution to the facilities of our church in the East Bay area.

The inter-stake center will be used for stake conferences, and other religious and social gatherings. We all are urged to get our pledges in promptly, and then to follow through with our contributions. Whole hearted cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Deseret Club Forms At University, 1946

The April 1946 Messenger carries the news of the establishment of "Deseret Club" at the University of California.

"With the establishment of an L.D.S. Institute in Berkeley as its primary goal, the Deseret Club has been recently organized at the University of California and has undertaken a broad program of social, cultural and spiritual activities," we read.

And further; "Drawing its membership from the 200 Mormon students on the campus, and their friends, the Club holds weekly noon-hour discussions of Gospel Themes under the direction of Isaac B. Ball, the group's advisor." We are informed that the group met Wednesdays at the Wesley Foundation, Bancroft and Dana. A dance and chili supper at the Berkeley Ward chapel March 29th was the club's first social.

The report says the club is pledged to diligent propaganda for an Institute.

Club Officers elected in February 1946 were Richard Poll, president; David Cummings, mens vice president; and Betty Thompson Morris, women's vice president; and Lola Nielson, secretary-treasurer.

It is interesting to note that Richard Poll is now a B.Y.U. professor of history and leader of B.Y.U. World Tours; also that David Cummings and Lola Nielson now are parents of a lovely young family.

Shells in a bowl of nuts? Fill the bowl with water and the shells will come floating to the surface.

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to fill the bill. His knowledge of the Gospel and love of humanity were inspiring and the Martinez Ward owes him a debt of gratitude.

It is certainly with pleasure and inspiration that one views them any branches and wards of the Church which have been organized from the original Martinez Ward. Block teaching and ministering activities used to extend from Oleum to Antioch and as far south as Danville. Most of our activities had to be carried on after dark and often in rough, inclement weather that made going rather difficult, but this was regarded as a labor of love and much joy and satisfaction were gained from those labors, surpassing any other pleasure.

1956 Found To Be Tenth Anniversary Of Many Top Events

The good year 1956, now being honored as the tenth anniversary of the Messenger's revival, is also the tenth anniversary of the creation of Berkeley and Palo Alto Stakes.

Furthermore, it is announced that archaeology is now ten years old at the Brigham Young University.

That school's first such class met March 26, 1946 to hear Dr. M. Wells Jakeman give the first lecture on "Archaeology and the Book of Mormon." Since then 4300 students have taken classes in archaeology at the "Y".

Palo Alto Stake was organized in 1946 and Berkeley Stake October 13, 1946. More regarding Palo Alto Stake's history appears elsewhere in this issue of the Messenger. Berkeley Stake is preparing a large observance in October.

SMALL TOWN IN MEXICO OBJECTS TO REMOVAL TREE OF LIFE STONE

Dr. M. Wells Jakeman of the B.Y.U. wrote from Southern Mexico in February 1956 that the citizens of the small town, Tapachula, "have suddenly developed a zealous proprientary interest in the ruins" at nearby Izapa, particularly in the Lehi Tree of Life stone. They are showing strong resistance against the governments' efforts to remove one important stela (large stone with hieroglyphic inscriptions) to the National Museum, Mexico City.

Funds for the removal of tree of life stela have been presented to the National Musems by the Brigham Young University Archaeological Society.

Dr. Jakeman, B.Y.U. archaeologist, has published a study of the Tree of Life representations which he found engraved on this stela, having completed a remarkable interpretation of the hieoglyph showing it to be the same material as the Tree o f Life dream which Lehi recorded in I Nephi, 8th chapter.

Officials were said to be working to mollify local resentment so that the projected display of the stone may be made in the National Museum.

WHO IS UTAH'S MOST FAMOUS SCIENTIST?

That may be a disputed question. Some may say Dr. Henry Eyring, chemistry wizzard of the University of Utah. One large news agency of Washington D. C. picks out Utah born Director Allen V. Astin, head of the great U. S. Bureau of Standards as "Utah's most famous scientist," and says so in a dispatch to the Salt Lake Tribune of March 18, 1956.

Liahona Clubs Aims, Ideals, History And Solid Accomplishments Reviewed

The Liahona Club aided The Messenger's revival ten years ago (1946). The praemble to the by-laws of the Liahona Club as written in 1944 when the club was born in Oakland, California, reads as follows:

"This organizations is formed for the advancement of the cooperative and individual well- being of its members . . . Its aims will include, to foster cooperation between its members; (2) to promote a better understanding of domestic and foreign problems; (3) to advance its members intellectually, spiritually, financially, and socially.

Club Opportunities

We quote from a club publication of 1953:

"My Liahona Club Membership Gives Me the Opportunity To:

1. Know other L.D.S. executive, business and professional men in the Bay Area.
2. Have others know of my business and/or professional activities.
3. Associate in a service club with other men having the same ideals.
4. To participate in worthwhile service projects keyed to L.D.S. ideals.
5. Help others in business by (a) the giving of advice and counsel to those embarking into business or professional work, (b) trading with them or calling on them for their services, (c) recommending them and their service to others.
6. Secure a better understanding of the problems of others, and to give to others an understanding of my problems.
7. Engage in social activities of the type enjoyed by service clubs.
8. To make my voice known in civic affairs by expression through club resolutions.
9. To hear outstanding speakers on mutual business or professional problems.
10. Cooperate generally with other members of the club in furthering Club activities."

Club History

The history of the Liahona Club is sketched as follows in "The Roster, 1952-53":

The basic idea in organizing such a club was nurtured in 1944 in the minds of Sam W. Scott and William H. Evans who enlisted the help of Herbert A. Van Noy, Fred Weindorf, and Elmo R. Smith. These five men are the charter members of the Liahona Club.

"Membership at first was limited to male members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints who owned and operated their own business. A few years later, the by-laws were amended to include also as eligible for membership—all professional men, and any man holding an executive position in private enterprise or government.

Accomplishments

"Many worthwhile projects have been sponsored by the Club. To mention a few, "The Messenger" was revived and has been in continuous publication since April, 1946, mainly because of club sponsorship. Sponsored art exhibits drew crowds from far and near for two successive seasons. The Liahona Lodge now practically completed is a monumental effort.

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